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PHS's McLean Library Receives Gift of 1,000 Books from Mabel G. Harkness

Mabel G. Harkness of Geneva, New York has donated her late husband, Bernard E. Harkness's (1907 - 1980), entire horticultural library to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's McLean Library.

Bernard's library, a reference collection of approximately 1,000 books and journals published primarily between 1920 and 1960, includes works on ornamental horticulture, systematic botany, and biographies of plant explorers, botanists, and horticulturists.

Bernard Harkness was a founding member of the North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS) and editor of the *Bernard E. Harkness Seedlist Handbook,* an indispensible reference source listing information on the seeds offered by the Scottish Rock Garden Club, the Alpine Garden Society (England), and the NARGS.

A mini-exhibit,housed in PHS's McLean Library, high-lights some of the older and rarer books in the collection such as: *The American Woods* by Romeyn Beck Hough (1857-1924), an exquisite work using plates of actual, mounted sections of native American trees, as well as copious explanatory text; *A Manual of the Coniferae,* published in 1881 in London by James Veitch & Sons contains a general review of the order and a synopsis of the hardy conifers in Great Britain; and a January, 1862 issue of *The Gardener's Monthly and Horticultural Advisor,* edited by writer, editor, botanist and nurseryman Thomas Meehan of Philadelphia. The display will be up through the end of January.

Because of this generous gift, Bernard's beloved books will be pored over by hundreds of horticulturists, both amateurs and experts, for years to come. Many thanks to Mrs. Harkness and her friends Janet and John Gyer, who suggested our Library as a home for the gift.

If you would like to donate fine gardening books to the McLean Library of PHS, please contact Janet Evans, Librarian, at (215) 988-8779 or e-mail: jevans@pennhort.org

An Award Winning President, PHS's Jane G. Pepper . . .

On November 18, 1997, PHS president Jane Pepper received the **Humanitarian Award of Magee Rehabilitation Hospital** in Philadelphia for her role as leading advocate for horticulture in communities city-wide. Magee representatives said Jane attracted the largest turn-out ever for this annual event.

Two days later, Jane was named to the board of directors of **PNC Bank Corp**. Jane has served as a director of PNC Bank, N.A., the largest bank within the corporation since 1994. **PNC Bank Corp,** headquartered in Pittsburgh, is one of the largest financial services organizations in the United States and has been the Flower Show presenting Sponsor since 1991.

In December, Jane also received honors from the Hospitality Industry when the Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association presented her with its **"Headliner Award"** for contributing to the image and promotion of Philadelphia as a world-class City destination.

Thank You and Goodbye to Four Dedicated Council Members

After serving two consecutive three year terms, the following members are rotating off of the PHS Council. We'll miss their contributions as Council members. We thank them for six years of great work, and are happy to know that they will stay involved in various PHS Committees.

Susan Armstrong:
Chair of Horticourt Information Booth at Flower Show and member of Awards and Harvest Show Committees. She has answered thousands of Hotline questions during her tenure so far.

W. Thacher Brown:
Chair of Finance Committee and member of Executive Committee. Thacher guided excellent growth in PHS endowment funding.

Walter Fisher, Jr.:
Harvest Show chair 1996-97; member of Executive Committee and current chair of Flower Show Committee. Walt is known for his bulb and celosia entries and his entertaining slide documentaries.

Robert W. Montgomery:
Former award-winning Flower Show landscape exhibitor and Flower Show Committee member.

Members' Show Tickets To Be Mailed

Watch your mailbox for your 1998 membership packet, due to arrive at your home later this month. It will include Flower Show ticket(s), Show information, membership card, and the 1998 spring activities list. **If you have not received your ticket(s) by February 1, please call Linda Davis, (215) 988-8776. If you have not renewed your membership for 1998, please renew today to ensure timely delivery of your Show tickets.**

NEWS BRIEFS

Look for a Special Flower Show Issue of *Green Scene* in January
PHS has a special after-the-holidays treat for members and other *Green Scene* subscribers this month: a 52-page issue focusing on the Philadelphia Flower Show. This is the largest issue in *Green Scene's* history, so you may want to get out your favorite afghan, snuggle up with a mug, and make it an evening.

Included are behind-the-scene stories about the Show's Central Feature exhibits, major exhibitors and the competitive classes; an in-depth explanation of forcing bulbs for the Show, and much more. In the *Green Scene* tradition, bright, colorful photos accompany all stories. This issue is a keeper.

Attention Competitive Class Exhibitors

Horticulture Classes . . .

Workshop for New Exhibitors
Here's a chance for first-time exhibitors to ask horticultural questions about entering a plant(s) at the Flower Show. Members of the Competitive Classes Horticulture Committee will answer questions based on their experiences at the Show and their horticultural expertise.

When: Saturday February 7, 1998. 12:00 - 2:00pm
Where: The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor auditorium.
Sign-up: Please call **Tanya Andrews**, (215) 988-8828, by January 14 to reserve your space.

New Window Box Classes
Try your creative hand with:
283 - A sunny spring box - on Saturday
392 - A shaded box - on Tuesday.
489 - Culinary herbs - on Friday.
Entries must be pre-registered. Plants do not have to be in exhibitor's possession by December 1.
Please call **Susan Wilmerding**, Horticulture chair (215) 988-8828, to sign up.

ACTIVITIES

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Treasures of the PHS McLean Library
Monday, January 12, Noon
PHS auditorium
Librarians **Janet Evans** and **Jane Alling** will lead you on a treasure hunt to view and learn about gardening books from long ago and far away. See highlights from the oldest and rarest works in PHS's distinguished historical collections - from 16th century herbals to lusciously illustrated *plate book*s of the 18th -20th centuries.
Fee: $3

Lecture: Breaking Ground: Portraits of Ten Garden Designers
Wednesday, January 14, 7:00pm
Page Dickey will profile renowned garden designers who are currently bringing imagination, artistic innovation, and adventure to contemporary garden design. The lecture is based on her book *Breaking Ground: Portraits of Ten Garden Designers.*

From the bold Southern California designs of Nancy Power and the urban geometrics of Madison Cox to the updated French formal style of Louis Bennech and the romantic gardens of Nancy McCabe, Dickey will explain how these artists are redefining garden design categories.

Page Dickey is a garden writer, lecturer, and designer. She is also author of *Duck Hill Journal: A Year in a Country Garden* and has written on garden design *for House and Garden, House Beautiful*, and *Elle Decor.* She teaches at the New York Botanical Garden and the Horticultural Society of New York.

Program begins at 7:00pm, followed by a dessert reception. Copies of *Breaking Ground: Portraits of Ten Garden Designers* will be available for signing.

Fee: members $15; guests $18. Note: the McLean Library will be open until 6:45 this evening.
gardens and some lesser known gardens well worth visiting.

Fee: $3.

At Home: A Tropical Retreat
Wednesday, January 28, 10:00 - Noon
Malvern, Pa.
Please Note: Morning session has filled. An afternoon session from 12:30 - 2:30pm has been scheduled.
A visit to **Melissa** and **John Potter's** is like a mini tropical vacation. In a 32' by 30' greenhouse adjacent to their living room, they have created a lush environment with flowering tropical plants, finches, and ponds in a landscape setting. The living room features an eight foot high waterfall and a 300 gallon salt water reef tank.

This program will focus on the challenges of creating an indoor tropical environment, especially pond construction, water filtration, irrigation, plumbing, and the challenge of creating a healthy habitat for koi. The Potters are co-owners of Potter's Landscaping Company, Inc., in Malvern, Pa. Program limit: 15.

Fee: members $12; guests $15.

Lecture: Designs for Small Spaces
Wednesday, February 4, 7:00pm
Whether decorating a New York penthouse balcony for a party or dividing a large property into "garden rooms," garden designer **Jon Carloftis** has a flair for turning a small space garden into a dramatic showcase or intimate retreat.

Using examples from gardens he has designed, Carloftis will discuss the elements of small space design, including the roles of architecture, water, and plants. He'll also suggest guidelines to follow and pitfalls to avoid when designing small gardens.

A contributing editor to *Garden Design* magazine, Jon Carloftis is the owner of Design Six Landscapes in Erwinna, Pa and The Delaware River Trading Company in Frenchtown, NJ. His garden designs have been featured in *Metropolitan Home* and *Garden Design* magazines, and *The New York Times.*

The program begins at 7:00pm, followed by a dessert reception. Fee: members $15; guests $18. Note: the McLean Library will remain open until 6:45pm this evening.

Brown Bag Lunch Series:
Shady Situations
Tuesday, February 10, Noon
The two most problematic conditions for shade gardeners are dry shade and full

shade. **Beverly Fitts** will discuss how to make the most of these tough gardening situations. After a brief discussion of general shade gardening principles, she'll focus on specific plants that do well in shady situations.

Learn how to create full, interesting shade gardens by emphasizing texture, form, and foliage color.

Beverly Fitts is a garden designer, lecturer, and president of the Hardy Plant Society.
Fee: $3

Forcing for the Philadelphia Flower Show

Thursday, February 12, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, Pa.
Join **John Story,** general manager of Meadowbrook Farm, for a behind-the-scenes tour of their greenhouses, and learn about their methods of forcing plants for the Flower Show.

Members will have the opportunity to see perennials, annuals, topiaries, and trees being prepared to bloom months ahead of nature's timetable, and a special treat - a sneak preview of Meadowbrook Farm's plans for their 1998 Flower Show exhibit.

Program limit: 20. Fee: Members $14, guests $17.

Volunteers for Membership Booth and Garden Shop

Each year Membership needs hundreds of volunteers to help with the Membership Sales Booth and The Garden Shop in the Marketplace. Duties include representing PHS by greeting visitors, selling Show souvenirs, and promoting PHS membership. The only requirements are that you enjoy working with people and that you bring your best sales person's smile.

If you would like to be part of these two fast-paced booths for one or more three-hour shifts, March 1 through March 8, please mark the reservation form, page 7. Volunteers who worked in these booths in 1997 will automatically receive information by mail.

The Wagner Free Institute of Science Presents Free 12-Week Course on Plant Physiology for Gardeners at PHS

PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor a free12-week course called *Plant Physiology for Gardeners* from January through April 1998. The course, taught by **Professor John Porter** of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Sciences, will be held at PHS on Monday evenings, 7:00 - 8:15pm, from January 26 through April 20 (with no class during Flower Show week).

This course is designed for gardeners, plant enthusiasts, and students of biology who wish to expand their knowledge about plants, the requirements for successful growth, and the biological bases for those requirements. Topics will include soils and soil minerals, photosynthesis, nitrogen metabolism, and symbiosis.

The course is free but requires registration. To register, call the Wagner Institute at 215-763-6529. If you have a touch-tone phone, press extension 21or wait for the operator and request extension 21. Once connected, leave your name, address, phone number, and indicate that you are registering for the Plant Physiology course. Please let them know if you are a PHS member. **The McLean Library at PHS will be open until 6:45 p.m. before the Monday evening sessions.**

PHS Extended Trips: Switzerland, and New Mexico in 1998

PHS Travels to Switzerland, July 20 - August 3

Join PHS for a mid-summer trip to the storybook land of Switzerland. We'll enjoy private and public gardens, visit interesting cities, towns and villages, and see breath-taking scenery as we travel through the Swiss Alps' snow-capped mountains and alpine meadows. This unique trip will carry us from Zurich to St. Moritz, Lugano, Geneva, and Lucerne; and we'll visit gardens in the French, German, and Italian sections of this multi-lingual country. The plants and landscapes will vary from palm trees in Lugano near Italy and Lake Maggiore to alpine meadows near St. Moritz. On the Glacier Express, we'll have a train ride through spectacular mountain scenery ending at Zermatt at the foot of the Matterhorn.

Betsy Gullan, PHS membership manager, and **Jean Lenehan,** of Tours a la Carte, will escort the group. **Gerhard Lieber**, a Swiss landscape architect, will be our horticultural guide throughout the trip. Itineraries are ready. To receive your copy, call Betsy Gullan at 215-988-8778.

The Gardens of Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico in September

In early September, the landscape and gardens of the Southwest are at their most beautiful, with desert flowers in bloom and home gardens full of color. Jane Pepper will join with **Far Horizons Archaeological and Cultural Trips, Inc.** of Albuquerque to lead a week long tour, starting with three nights in Albuquerque before heading to Santa Fe.

In addition to private gardens of sculptors and painters, we will visit museums and historic sites, such as the Petroglyph National Monument, the Georgia O'Keefe Museum, and cliff dwellings near Santa Fe.

We have made arrangements for tours of private gardens in Albuquerque whose owners are participating in the City's Xeriscape Incentive Program.We will also meet with members of the Santa Fe Garden Club.

In Albuquerque, we'll stay in a charming bed and breakfast inn; in Santa Fe accommodations will be located within a block of the Old Town square.

If you would like to receive a brochure (which will be ready in February) please check the appropriate box on the reservation page or contact **Carol Lindemann at 215-988-8818 or fax at 215-988-8810.**

Special Programs at the 1998 Flower Show

Dinner and Lecture by World Renowned Chef Anne Willan

Few people have achieved such far-reaching professional accomplishments in the international culinary world as **Anne Willan.** Renowned as a prolific author and gifted teacher, Anne is widely recognized on both sides of the Atlantic as a leading authority on food preparation. She founded **La Varenne**, the famous French cooking school in 1975 and currently directs its programs at Chateau du Fey in Burgundy and at the legendary Greenbriar Resort in West Virginia.

Willan will lecture on her preparations of a special dinner, made exclusively for Philadelphia Flower Show visitors on Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6, 6:30 - 8:30pm in the Grand Ballrom at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Tickets are $100 per night and include Flower Show admission. Please call Flossie Narducci **(215) 988- 8897** for a reservation form.

Members' Events at the Show

Dr. Louisa Jones and **Henri Delbard** from France will each present a program for members and their guests in the Pennsylvania Convention Center during Flower Show Week.

Each event requires Flower Show admission. Members may purchase additional Show tickets in advance in combination with either of these events using the reservation form on page 7. Tickets and travel directions will be mailed in early January.

Selection Of French Garden Roses In France

Tuesday, March 3, 2:00 - 4:00pm

French rosarian **Henri Delbard** will talk about French roses, his specialty and his passion. During this slide-illustrated talk, you'll understand the romance of a garden enhanced by the beauty, color, and fragrance of French roses. Delbard will discuss characteristics of different types of roses, careful selection of varieties based on their use in the garden, and special tips and tricks of rose cultivation and maintenance.

Delbard roses will be on display as part of the Central Feature of the 1998 Philadelphia Flower Show, "La Passion du Jardin."Henri Delbard's new book, *Diary of a Rose Lover*, translated into English, will be available for purchase and book signing.

The program begins promptly at 2 pm, followed by a high tea from 3 - 4 pm. Fee of $22 includes lecture and tea, exclusive of Show admission.

French Gardens Today: The Cutting Edge

Wednesday, March 4, 2:00 - 4:00pm

Within the last 10 years there has been a major revolution in the French gardening world. Joining the traditional French garden styles is the new demand for a harmony with nature through informality and function as well as beauty.

Louisa Jones, an expert on French gardens, will discuss the new trends, presenting examples of the country garden ("jardin de cure'), the sensual garden, contemporary collections, and the new landscape gardens.

Dr. Louisa Jones has lived and gardened in France since the 1970s. She began writing full time after the successful publication of her *Gardens of Provence*, followed by *Gardens of the French Riviera*; *Provence: A Country Almanac*; *The New Provencal Cuisine*; *The Art of French Vegetable Gardening*. Her most recent book is *Kitchen Gardens of France* with *The New Provencal Garden* expected in spring 1998. Jones also arranges specialist tours and garden visits in Southern France. A selection of her books will be available for purchase and autographing during the reception following the program.

Program begins promptly at 2:00pm, followed by a high tea from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Fee of $22 includes lecture and tea, exclusive of Show admission.

Volunteer at the 1998 Philadelphia Flower Show

Join us at the Pennsylvania Convention Center as a behind-the-scenes volunteer from February 27 - March 6, 1998. If you would like to help, check the roles that interest you and return this form to PHS. Be on the lookout for more Flower Show volunteer opportunities in future issues of the **PHS *News***.

Horticulture

☐**Exhibitor Aides** - Help exhibitors transport plants from D Hall to freight elevator and to entry area. Entry level job.
☐**Runners** - Carry cards for corrections to and from typing table. Entry level job.
☐**Recorders** - Log information for a plant's entry into the Show. Attention to detail and an ability to keep calm under pressure required.
☐**Passers** - Determine that a plant is in the right class, properly identified, and of Show quality. Horticultural expertise required.

Orchid Section

☐**Stagers** - Arrange plants in assigned classes so they are shown to their best advantage.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____ Phone (Day) _____

Please mail to Marge Meer, PHS, 100 N. 20th Street - 5th Floor Philadelphia, Pa.19103. FAX (215) 988-8810. We will contact you with more information.

Reservations

Fill out and mail this page to: **PHS Activities, attn: Linda Davis, 100 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495**
Reservations accepted by mail only; please include full payment. Use this form to speed processing. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. ***Confirmations for all events will be mailed except for Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series.*** Travel directions for events held outside of PHS, and final itineraries for field trips will be mailed ten days prior to the event. There is limited space for all activities. Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of PHS *News*.
Refunds and cancellations: If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:
$3 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.
$5 fee for one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than four days prior to the event.

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Treasures of the McLean Library
1/12/98, Noon
PHS auditorium
Fee $3_____

☐***Lecture: Breaking Ground***
1/14/98, 7:00pm
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

☐***At Home: Tropical Retreat***
1/28/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members $ 12_____Guests $15_____
Please note: Morning session has filled. An afternoon session from 12:30 - 2:30pm has been scheduled.

☐***Lecture: Designs for Small Spaces***
2/4/98, 7:00pm
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

☐***Brown Bag Lunch Series:***
Shady Situations
2/10/98, Noon
Members and Guests $3_____

☐***Forcing for the Flower Show***
Meadowbrook, Pa.
2/12/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members $14_____Guests $17_____

NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

ZIP:_____ *TELEPHONE: (H)_____ (W)_____

*Please provide your current phone number(s) so we may contact you if there are changes in scheduled activities.

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Check Enclosed ☐

Please Charge my VISA ☐ or Mastercard ☐

Name as it appears on card_____

Card Number_____Exp. Date_____

Signature_____

Volunteer at the Membership Booth/Garden Shop March 1-8, 1998

☐I am interested in volunteering for the Membership Booth/Garden Shop

Special Flower Show Events

☐***Contemporary French Gardens***
3/4/98, 2:00 - 4:00pm
Program $22_____
Show ticket: $15.50 ___

☐***French Roses for the Garden***
3/3/98, 2:00 - 4:00pm
Program $22_____
Show ticket: $15.50 ___

PHS Extended Trips . . .

1998 Trip to Switzerland (see page 6)

___Please send a brochure for the 1998 trip to Switzerland.

1998 Trip to New Mexico (see page 6)

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Please Note:
For programs at PHS, there is no parking at PHS headquarters. There are parking lots nearby and metered parking on the street. For parking suggestions or directions to PHS, please call 215-988-8775 or 8776.

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PHS Updating Landscape Design Consultant list

From time to time, PHS is asked to suggest names of firms and individuals who do landscape design consultations. The Library staff maintains a list of consultants, and is currently updating it now.

If you are a landscape designer/ architect and would like to be included on the list, contact **Anne Weiss** at the McLean Library of PHS: (215)988-8774, e-mail: aweiss@pennhort.org, by January 16, 1998.

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A Professional Gardener Alumni Association Symposium at Longwood Gardens Famed plantsman and author Dr. Michael Dirr and other garden experts will share their horticultural experiences at the 10th annual symposium hosted by the Professional Gardener Alumni Association at Longwood Gardens.

This day long symposium and plant sale will offer ideas and inspiration for everyone, from enthusiastic gardeners and horticulturists to landscape designers and nursery professionals.

Registration is $55.00 and includes garden admission, hot buffet lunch, and refreshment breaks. For more information, or a copy of the registration brochure, call **Lisa Roper: (610) 687-1808.**

Winter Life at Hagley Museum . . . Visitors to Hagley's winter life programs will experience life in the 19th century and learn how stereoscopes, parlor games, and music filled cold weekends long before today's electronic distractions. Sunday January 18, and Sunday, February 15, 1998. 12:30-4:00pm. Regular admission : $9.75 adults; $7.50 seniors and students; $3.50 children six to fourteen. Family rate: $26.50. Free to Hagley Associates. Call **Suzanna E. Dotter (302) 658-2400, ext. 238.**

The Hotline....

A caller asks: Why is my houseplant wilting?

Wilting usually indicates that a houseplant needs water, but it may also be a symptom of *overwatering*. Soil that is too wet will cause root problems and the plant will begin to droop.

Plants should be watered when the soil just below the surface feels dry to the touch. Using room temperature water, fill the container to the rim and allow it to drain from the bottom drainage holes. If your container has a saucer, empty any standing water after a few minutes.

Low humidity in your house during the winter months also contributes to wilting houseplants. Misting them with a spray bottle, however, is not effective; it may cause bacterial infection if the leaves remain wet. If your heating system does not have a built-in humidifer, try grouping houseplants on a shallow tray of pebbles. Add only enough water to the tray so that the pots are not sitting in water. Remember to keep your plants away from hot air vents.

PHS's Horticultural Hotline is open Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 12 noon. Phone: 215-988-8777; Fax: 215-988-8783; E-mail: jalling@pennhort.org

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Pepperpot . . . Help us Learn about the Next Generation of Gardeners

As I have mentioned in previous Pepperpots, we have spent lots of time and had lots of fun discussing the future of PHS as we develop a Strategic Plan to guide the Society into the next century.

Grateful thanks to more than 600 of you who spent time on the phone with our survey team last year. Your answers gave us lots of useful information about your thoughts on the Society and the benefits we offer to members.

As part of our Strategic Plan we're also trying to determine who the next generation of gardeners will be. What are their interests? What kinds of programs and publications will they be looking for? What kinds of information sources do we need to make available to meet their needs?

To help us answer these questions, we plan to conduct a series of focus groups and possibly a survey. Unfortunately, our membership records do not reveal ages, so I am asking all of you to join us in helping to figure out that next generation of gardeners.

If you are 40 or under, please let us know if you would be willing to participate in a survey or a focus group by contacting Paula Holland at PHS: check the appropriate box on p. 7; fax, 215-988-8810; phone, 215-988-8817 or e-mail, pholland@pennhort.org She will contact you with more information.

If you are, like me, no longer able to convince friends you are younger than 41, but know of a gardener or potential gardener who would like to help us figure out how PHS can best serve its members in the next century, please also get in touch with Paula to let her know the person's name, probable age, address and phone/fax numbers.

When I joined the board of another organization several years ago, the person who issued the invitation told me my most important challenge was to make sure I replaced myself once my term was over. For most of us, I hope we have many happy years of PHS membership ahead, but I know you will want to join with me in making sure we line up the next generation of PHS members. Thank you for helping us.

Jane G. Pepper

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President

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12th & Arch Streets

Members' Preview
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Public Hours
Sundays, 8:00am - 6:00pm
Monday - Friday
10:00am - 9:30pm
Saturday, 8:00am - 9:30pm

Admission

Adults:
Weekends: $18.00
Weekdays: $16.00
Advance & Group: $15.50 - any day.

Children:
$8.00 any day for single, advance or group tickets.

1998 Flower Show Arrangement Workshops

Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25. 10:00am - Noon.
Saturday, February 21, 10:00 - Noon
The Highlands, 7001 Sheaff Lane, Fort Washington, Pennsylvania.

All are invited to attend the free workshops held weekly at the Highlands. Arrangement advisors for Niches as well as for Defined and Open Spaces will be there to share their expertise and enthusiasm. For more information, contact either workshop co-director: **Helen Breslin** (215) 635-2013 or **Louise McGraw**, (215) 548-2769.

See Special Flower Show insert inside! It includes:

- A map of the Pennsylvania Convention Center area with parking points.
- Important phone numbers.
- Answers to commonly asked questions about the Show.

NEWS BRIEFS

Garden Conservancy's *Open Days Directory* Available to PHS Members at Discount Price

The Garden Conservancy has offered their *Open Days Directory* to PHS members for the discounted price of $8.00 (regular price $10.00). The *1998 Directory* includes a description of the garden, the dates and times open, and driving directions for each listing. Advance reservations are not necessary. Visitors can browse through the book, then go to the gardens of their choice and pay only $4.00 for entry.

The Garden Conservancy was formed in 1989 to preserve exceptional American gardens by facilitating their transition from private to independent nonprofit ownership and operation. By inviting the public to visit the local private gardens, the Conservancy hopes to strengthen America's commitment to garden preservation and encourage the appreciation of gardens as living works of art. Please contact **Nancy T. Engel, (914) 265-2795** to order your discounted directory.

Where Can I Park When I Visit the The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Headquarters?

There are parking lots nearby and plenty of metered parking on the street. There is no parking, however, in the garage at PHS headquarters. For names of garages or for parking suggestions or directions to PHS, please call (215)-988-8775 or 8776.

Paulownia Trees Planted at the Philadelphia Museum of Art UPDATE . . .

Have you had a chance to visit the Philadelphia Art Museum lately? PHS's Public Landscapes department recently planted 8 young paulownia trees in the niches bordering the Courtyard at the front of the museum. The trees are part of thousands of other plants making up the Museum's new landscape.

The soon to be majestic trees are each between 18 and 20 feet tall. Each root ball weighed approximately 1,500 pounds. Grateful thanks go to **Choong-Sik Lee** from Dong-San Foresters in Oxford, Pa., who donated the trees.

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Tuesday, February 10, Noon

The two most problematic conditions for shade gardeners are dry shade and full shade. **Beverly Fitts** will tell us how to make the most of these tough gardening situations. After a brief discussion of general shade gardening principles, she'll focus on specific plants that do well in shady situations.

Learn to create full, interesting shade gardens with texture, form, and foliage color. Beverly Fitts is a garden designer, lecturer, and president of the Hardy Plant Society.

Fee: $3

Forcing for the Philadelphia Flower Show

Thursday, February 12, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm
Meadowbrook, Pa

Join **John Story,** general manager of Meadowbrook Farm, for a behind-the-scenes tour of their greenhouses. Learn about their methods of forcing plants for the Flower Show.

You'll see perennials, annuals, topiaries, and trees being prepared to bloom months ahead of nature's timetable, and a special treat - a sneak preview of Meadowbrook Farm's plans for their 1998 Flower Show exhibit. Program limit: 20.

Fee: Members $14, guests $17.

Workshop: Propagating Perennials

Tuesday, March 17, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, Pa

John Story, general manager of Meadowbrook Farm, will give an overview of theories and techniques for propagating perennials. He'll demonstrate the three most common methods: stem cuttings, root cuttings, and root division. He'll also explain how to determine the best timing and propogation method for your plants. Members will plant several perennial divisions to take home.

Travel directions will be mailed 10 days before the program. Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Water Garden Series (3 sessions)

Wednesdays, March 18 and 25, and Tuesday, March 31, 6:00 - 7:30pm

Thinking of adding a pond to your landscape? This three part series will explain everything you need to know before you start: planning and properly siting your pond; building the pond and adding pumps and filtration; and stocking the pond with fish and aquatic plants. **Donna Howard** and **Fred Weiss** will lead this in-depth series designed to guide you through the construction process, and offer practical advice for maintaining a healthy pond.

The series will be followed by a visit to local water gardens (date to be announced in class). Donna Howard is a partner in Quality Koi, Inc., and is regional vice president of the Mid-Atlantic Koi Club. She designs and installs water gardens and koi ponds. Fred Weiss is a teacher and an avid water gardener.

Fee of $59 for members and $65 for guests includes all three sessions and garden visit.

Lecture: The Ornamental Kitchen Garden

Thursday, March 19, 7:00pm

The ornamental kitchen garden presents a feast for the eyes as well as the table. **Caroline Holmes** will lead us on a slide tour of ornamental kitchen gardens for the connoisseur, from the perfect potager of Villandry and its echoes in France at Miromesnil, and in England at Barnsley House, Joy Larkcom's modern farm, and William Cobbett Cottager's garden.

Holmes is a garden consultant, lecturer, and broadcaster who works for the Museum of Garden History and the Henry Doubleday Research Association. She designed the *Country Living*

Magazine Ornamental Kitchen Garden at Ryton Gardens and William Cobbett Cottager's garden at Yalding Gardens.

Lecture begins at 7:00pm, followed by a dessert reception. Fee: members $15; guests $18. Note: The Library will be open until 6:45pm this evening.

At Home: Growing in a Greenhouse

Thursday, March 26, 10:00 - Noon
Mt. Cuba, Greenville, De.

Phil Oyerly, greenhouse manager, will lead this tour through the greenhouses at Mt. Cuba, the home of Mrs. Lammot duPont Copeland. The nine greenhouses operate year round. Orchids, freesias, cyclamen, lilies, stocks, delphinium, and spring bulbs are some of the early spring highlights.

Phil will discuss the challenges of forcing for the Flower Show, growing in a cool temperature greenhouse, and maintaining display quality plants.

Members must provide their own transportation. Travel directions and more details will be mailed 10 days before the program. Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Workshop: Botanical Illustration

6 Sessions, Thursdays, March 26, April 2, 9,16, 23, and 30, 12:30pm - 3:30pm, Chanticleer, Wayne, Pa.

Botanical illustrator **Louisa Rawle Tiné** returns with a six session course in botanical watercolor. Participants will learn precise brushwork and how to create pleasing and interesting colors. The emphasis is on realistic portrayal of botanical subjects and traditional methods of dry brush watercolor painting. Students will also work on drawing techniques, observations and composition. Instruction is highly individualized and geared to all levels of ability and goals.

Louisa Rawle Tiné has worked as a professional artist and illustrator for nearly 30 years in both the commercial and fine arts fields. Recent clients include Caspari, Inc., *Fine Gardening* and *Kitchen Garden* magazines, the New York Botanical Garden, and the 1998 Shepherd's Seed Catalog. Program limit: 15 students.

Fee: members $130; guests $140, includes instruction for six sessions. A materials list and travel instructions will be mailed upon registration.

PHS Travels to Switzerland, July 20 - August 3

Join PHS for a mid-summer trip to the storybook land of Switzerland. We'll enjoy private and public gardens, visit interesting cities, towns and villages, and see breath-taking scenery as we travel through the Swiss Alps' snow-capped mountains and alpine meadows. This unique trip will carry us from Zurich to St. Moritz, Lugano, Geneva, and Lucerne. We'll also visit gardens in the French, German, and Italian sections of this multi-lingual country. The plants and landscapes will vary from palm trees in Lugano near Italy and Lake Maggiore to alpine meadows near St. Moritz. On the Glacier Express, we'll have a train ride through spectacular mountain scenery ending at Zermatt at the foot of the Matterhorn.

Betsy Gullan, PHS membership manager, and **Jean Lenehan,** of Tours a la Carte, will escort the group. **Gerhard Lieber**, a Swiss landscape architect, will be our horticultural guide throughout the trip. Itineraries are ready. To receive your copy, call Betsy Gullan at 215-988-8778.

The Gardens of Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico in September

In early September, the landscape and gardens of the Southwest are at their most beautiful, with desert flowers in bloom and home gardens full of color. **Jane Pepper** will join with **Far Horizons Archaeological and Cultural Trips, Inc.** of Albuquerque to lead a week long tour, starting with three nights in Albuquerque before heading to Santa Fe. In addition to private gardens of sculptors and painters, we will visit museums and historic sites, such as the Petroglyph National Monument, the Georgia O'Keefe Museum, and cliff dwellings near Santa Fe.

We have made arrangements for tours of private gardens in Albuquerque whose owners are participating in the City's Xeriscape Incentive Program.We will also meet with members of the Santa Fe Garden Club. Our guide will be **Charles Mann**, a freelance photographer specializing in botanical and garden subjects and the culture of New Mexico. Charles has led tours of Santa Fe gardens for the Smithsonian Museum and for *Horticulture* Magazine.

If you would like to receive a brochure please check the appropriate box on the reservation page or contact **Carol Lindemann at 215-988-8818 or fax at 215-988-8810.**

Workshop: Spring Flower Boxes

Tuesday, March 31, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm
Meadowbrook, Pa

Flower boxes aren't just for summer anymore! Windowboxes filled with spring-blooming perennials and cool weather annuals can brighten your windowsills in early spring. **Michelle Healy**, horticulturist at Meadowbrook Farm, will demonstrate the basics of planting and caring for windowboxes. She'll offer suggestions for effective plant combinations and ways to keep your windowboxes looking lush and colorful.

Participants will each plant a 24" windowbox to take home. Fee of $38 for members and $43 for guests includes instructions, soil, plants, and windowbox planter. Program limit: 20. Travel directions will be mailed 10 days before the program.

Volunteers Needed at the PHS Membership Booth and Garden Shop at the Flower Show

Each year Membership needs hundreds of volunteers to help with the Membership Sales Booth and The Garden Shop in the Marketplace. Duties include representing PHS by greeting visitors, selling Show souvenirs, and promoting PHS membership. The only requirements are that you enjoy working with people and that you bring your best sales person's smile.

If you would like to be part of these two fast-paced booths for one or more three-hour shifts, March 1 through March 8, please mark the reservation form on page 7. Volunteers who worked in these booths in 1997 will automatically receive information by mail.

Volunteer at the 1998 Philadelphia Flower Show

Join us at the Pennsylvania Convention Center as a behind-the-scenes volunteer from February 27 - March 6, 1998. If you would like to help, please check the roles that interest you and return this form to PHS.

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Orchid Section

☐**Stagers** - Arrange plants in assigned classes so they are shown to their best advantage.

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Special Members' Events at the Philadelphia Flower Show

Dr. Louisa Jones and **Henri Delbard** from France will each present a program for members and their guests in the Pennsylvania Convention Center during Flower Show Week.

Each event requires Flower Show admission. Members may purchase additional Show tickets in advance in combination with either of these events using the reservation form on page 7. Tickets and travel directions were mailed in early January.

Selection Of French Garden Roses In France

Tuesday, March 3, 2:00 - 4:00pm

French rosarian **Henri Delbard** will talk about French roses, his specialty and his passion. During this slide-illustrated talk, you'll understand the romance of a garden enhanced by the beauty, color, and fragrance of French roses. Delbard will discuss characteristics of different types of roses, careful selection of varieties based on their use in the garden, and special tips and tricks of rose cultivation and maintenance.

Delbard roses will be on display as part of the Central Feature of the 1998 Philadelphia Flower Show, "La Passion du Jardin."Henri Delbard's new book, *Diary of a Rose Lover*, translated into English, will be available for purchase and book signing.

The program begins promptly at 2 pm, followed by a high tea from 3 - 4 pm. Fee of $22 includes lecture and tea, exclusive of Show admission.

French Gardens Today: The Cutting Edge

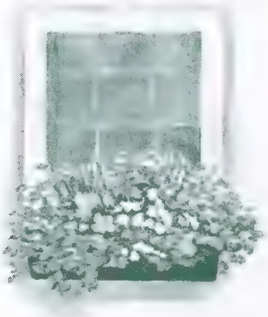
Wednesday, March 4, 2:00 - 4:00pm

Within the last 10 years there has been a major revolution in the French gardening world. Joining the traditional French garden styles is the new demand for a harmony with nature through informality and function as well as beauty.

Louisa Jones, an expert on French gardens, will discuss the new trends, presenting examples of the country garden ("jardin de cure'), the sensual garden, contemporary collections, and the new landscape gardens.

Dr. Louisa Jones has lived and gardened in France since the 1970s. She began writing full time after the successful publication of her *Gardens of Provence*, followed by *Gardens of the French Riviera*; *Provence: A Country Almanac*; *The New Provencal Cuisine*; *The Art of French Vegetable Gardening*. Her most recent book is *Kitchen Gardens of France* with *The New Provencal Garden* expected in spring 1998. Jones also arranges specialist tours and garden visits in Southern France. A selection of her books will be available for purchase and autographing during the reception following the program.

Program begins promptly at 2:00pm, followed by a high tea from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Fee of $22 includes lecture and tea, exclusive of Show admission.



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Make It A Day at the 1998 Show

Welcome to PHS's 1998 Flower Show, **presenting sponsor PNC Bank**. Please use this sheet as a reference; you can slip it in your pocket for easy access while at the Show.

• Visitors arriving at the Pennsylvania Convention Center by train will be able to enter through the beautifully renovated and recently opened Headhouse. The Headhouse links the Convention Center to Market Street, Market East station, and the Gallery shopping complex. Visitors will ascend via escalator from the train platform to the Grand Hall of the Convention Center. Ticket sales and collection will also be handled in this area.

• **New Saturday & Sunday Hours.** On both Sundays, the Show will open at 8:00am for those early risers wishing to avoid the crowds; it will close at 6:00pm. On Saturday, March 7, the Show will open at 8:00am and close at 9:30pm.

• **Where Can I Grab a Bite?** Aramark serves a delicious assortment of hot or cold food at a variety of stands and restaurants. The Food Court is in the Grand Hall on Show level; there is also food on the third level adjacent to the Show entrance.

• **New Re-Entry Policy.** Same-day re-entry is permitted if hand is stamped before leaving Show level. To stamp hand, please go to the Show level, west end of the concourse, outside of C Hall. **You can re-enter only via the escalator at 13th and Arch Street.**

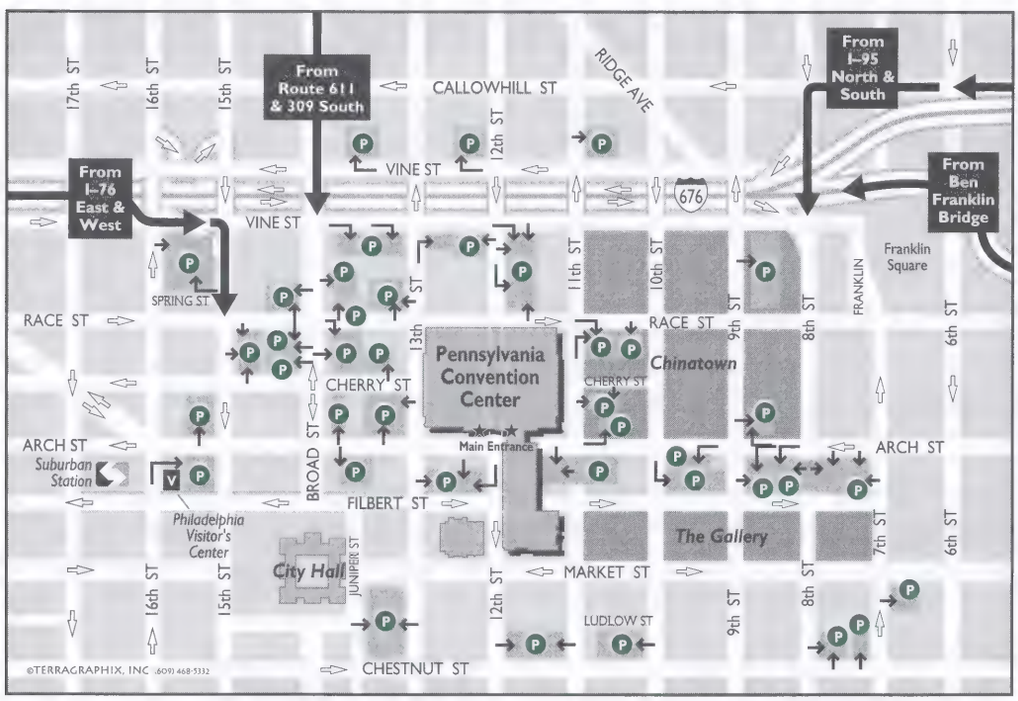
• **Transportation.** Traveling via public transportation to the PCC is easy. Call SEPTA for special offers ans schedules. If you do choose to drive, however, free rides on the Flower Show shuttle trolley will carry you from stops convenient to most lots. (See map below for shuttle hours and locations).

• **I'm Lost!** Lost persons should report to PNC Bank Park in the southeast corner of the Exhibit Hall.

Citywide Celebrations & Flower Show Week

Flower Show Week is blooming with over 80 restaurants, museums, galleries, shops and hotels that will hold spring-themed special events and floral displays. When you arrive at the Flower Show, be sure to pick up a coupon book for special Flower Show week offers.

Catch a free ride to **Downey's Restaurant** near Philadelphia's famous South Street shopping area to enjoy floral wines and lunch. Tour the historic **Bellevue Hotel** to learn about the French Renaissance architecture, then enjoy flower pastry treats at **Ciboulette Restaurant**. Taste floral flavored beer at **McGillens Old Ale House** or learn the art of carving flower-sculpture garnishes at **Joseph Poon Restaurant.** For a free coupon book listing all Flower Show Week events and special offers, please call (215) 988-8899.



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Members $15_____Guests $18_____

☐***At Home Series: Mt. Cuba Greenhouses Greenville, De.***
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Members $15_____Guests $18_____

☐***Workshop: Botanical Illustration Chanticleer, Wayne, Pa***
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12:30 - 3:30pm
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☐***Workshop: Spring Flower Boxes Meadowbrook Farm***
3/31/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members $38_____Guests $43_____

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Pepperpot . . .

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Volunteer at the Membership Booth or Garden Shop at the Flower Show March 1-8, 1998

☐**Yes,** I am interested in volunteering at the PHS Membership Booth or Garden Shop. Please send me more information.

Special Flower Show Events . . .

☐***Contemporary French Gardens***
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Program $22_____
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3/3/98, 2:00 - 4:00pm
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PHS Extended Trips . . .

1998 Trip to Switzerland **(see page 6)**

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***Unlacing the Victorian Woman:* Performace at Rockwood . . .** On February 14 and 15, Rockwood Museum will hold its traditional Valentine tea. New this year, Barbara Darlin, brings her performance, *Unlacing the Victorian Woman* to delight and educate visitors. The tea is at 12:30pm, followed by a tour of the Museum at 1:30pm. The performance is at 2:30pm. Reservations are required. Tickets are $16.00. Please call for more information and to reserve your place, (302) 761-4340.

Longwood Gardens performing Arts Extravaganza . . . Friday, March 27, 7:00pm. The Philadelphia Organ Quartet will play "Floral Arrangements" including Debussy: Clair de Lune; Tchaikovsky: Waltz of the Flowers; Elgar: Pomp and Circumstance; Saint-Saens: Dance Macabre: Bach: movement from the Branden burg Concertos; Sousa: Stars and stripes Forever; among others. Special tickets are available in advance: $40.00 reserved; $35 unreserved. Tickets include Gardens admission. For information and to reserve your tickets, please call, (610) 388-1000.

Biointensive$_{SM}$ Sustainable Mini-Farming Workshop. . . in Chambersberg, Pa. on March 20-22, 1998. This workshop requires pre-reading and pre-registration. Workshop presenter John Jeavons, director of Ecology Action and author of *How to Grow More Vegetables,* will lecture on sustainable soil fertility, crops for full nutrition and full income, a whole systems approach to gardening and more. Please call Cynthia Raiser Jeavons, (707) 459-0150 for more information.

The Hotline....

A caller asks: When can I prune trees and shrubs?

Pruning should be a part of regular garden maintenance. Deciduous trees and shrubs are easier to prune before they leaf out because the plant's structure is easily visible.

Remove diseased or dead wood, cut off sucker shoots, and prune out crossing branches. Thin out stems to maximize light and air circulation, which will improve flowering and fruiting. A clean, slanted cut should be made just above bud, at a fork on a branch, or just beyond the branch collar for larger branches. Large pruning cuts should be made as smooth as possible so that the scar tissue or callus will form quickly and prevent disease entry.

Avoid using paint to cover wounds; studies have shown that it's not necessary, and may even inhibit helpful organisms. Be sure to use the correct cutting tool for the job: hand pruners for small, woody stems, and loppers for larger branches. For major pruning, contact a certified arborist. Call the Hotline for the names of certified arborists in your area.

PHS's Horticultural Hotline is open Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 12 noon. Phone: 215-988-8777; Fax: 215-988-8783; E-mail: jalling@pennhort.org

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The Philadelphia Flower Show Helps Spur Philadelphia's Economy

As a PHS member, you may already savor the Philadelphia Flower Show, the largest indoor flower show in the world, as an extraordinary feast for your eyes and soul. Do you know that it also contributes considerably to the economy of Philadelphia?

"The Show is the largest single destination event in the region and is marketed as such by the city itself, as well as scores of national travel agencies," says Steve Maurer, PHS Public Relations coordinator. "No parade, game, civic, institutional or private activity brings in as many people, or has as much impact on the city's economy in a single week."

With help from the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Pennsylvania Convention Center, and the Show's presenting sponsor, PNCBank, the Show indeed has become a city-wide event since its move to the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Philadelphia Mayor Edward Rendell agrees, "The Philadelphia Flower Show is a tourism bonanza for the entire City. Visitors come to enjoy the beauty of the flowers and gardens and then extend their stay here. Area hotels, restaurants, cultural attractions and shopping venues all have increased business activity and vitality during the eight days of the Show."

Last year's Show attracted more than 275,000 visitors, brought a record $22.8 million to the City; hotel room bookings soared to more than 22,000 during Show week. More than 90 participating organizations welcomed Show visitors with Flower Show week discounts, special offers, and packages. A Flower Show survey showed *that 60% of the visitors planned to return* to Philadelphia later in the year as a result of their Show visit.

"More hotel packages, more restaurant promotions, activities at local

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Green Scene's 25-Year Index is now available. It's a reference treasure indexing 25 years of *Green Scene* stories from September, 1972 through July, 1997 by subject, title and author. To flip and scan through the index with ease, the pages are bound with wire rings. The Index is great for curious gardeners looking for new gardening ideas, answers to their horticultural questions, or for reading about regional creative gardeners. It's a must for libraries, researchers, or potential *Green Scene* story writers.

To order your copy, please send a check for $15.00, plus $4.95 for shipping and handling, payable to The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Mail to: Attn: *Green Scene* Index, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA, 19103-1495.

PHS Closing . . .

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society offices and Library will be closed on Monday, March 16. We will re-open at 9:00am on Tuesday, March 17.

NEWS BRIEFS

McNaughton's Nursery Inc. Opens Second Store in Somers Point, New Jersey. Grand Opening in April. Long-time Philadelphia Flower Show major exhibitor McNaughton's Nursery Inc. will open their brand new garden center, **McNaughton's Garden Center,** on April 4th, in Somers Point, New Jersey. In addition to selling foliage, annuals, perennials, tools and garden furniture, the center will house a coffee shop, gift shop and a permanent Christmas shop.

During its grand opening weekend on Saturday and Sunday, April 4th and 5th, the center will also host free seminars and lectures; staff from PHS will be among the participants! And, just in case all the shopping whets your appetite, you'll find plenty to eat at their barbecue on both afternoons.

McNaughton's Garden Center is located at 331 New Road (Rt. 9) in Somers Point, NJ. For directions, call (609) 601-1616.

A Special Thank You to Chefs and Partners in Taste of France Events at the 1998 Flower Show:
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ACTIVITIES

Tips for Making Reservations

Reservations, required for all members' programs, must be made through the reservation form in the **PHS *News***. Unfortunately, we cannot accept phone reservations. **Descriptions of each program appear in two consecutive issues of the PHS *News*; i.e., an April event will be listed in March and April.**

Sign up early! Many of the members' activities have limited registration and fill quickly. Call Sally Kutyla at 215-988-8775 if you need more information about a particular members' program.

Workshop: Propagating Perennials

Tuesday, March 17, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm
Meadowbrook, Pa.

Learn easy ways to increase your supply of perennials. **John Story**, general manager of Meadowbrook Farm will give an overview of theories and techniques for propagating perennials. He'll demonstrate the three most common methods: stem cuttings, root cuttings, and root division. Story will also explain how to determine the appropriate timing and method for your plants. After the demonstration, members will plant several perennial divisions to take home. Travel directions will be mailed 10 days before the program. Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Water Garden Series (3 sessions)

Wednesdays, March 18 and 25, and Tuesday, March 31, 6:00 - 7:30pm

Thinking of adding a pond to your landscape? This three part series will explain everything you need to know before you start: planning and properly siting your pond; building the pond and adding pumps and filtration; and stocking the pond with fish and aquatic plants. **Donna Howard** and **Fred Weiss** will lead this in-depth series designed to guide you through the construction process and offer practical advice for maintaining a healthy pond.

Each class will include slides of gardens. The series will be followed by a visit to local water gardens (date to be announced in class). Donna Howard is a partner in Quality Koi, Inc., and is regional vice president of the Mid-Atlantic Koi Club. She designs and installs water gardens and koi ponds. Fred Weiss is a teacher and an avid water gardener. Both Donna and Fred are active in The Delaware Valley Water Garden Society.

Fee of $59 for members and $65 for guests includes all three sessions and garden visit.

Lecture: The Ornamental Kitchen Garden

Thursday, March 19, 7:00pm

The ornamental kitchen garden presents a feast for the eyes as well as the table: fruit trees and bushes, colorful foliage, edible flowers and herbs. **Caroline Holmes** will lead us on a tour of ornamental kitchen gardens for the connoisseur, from the perfect potager of Villandry and its echoes in France at Miromesnil and in England at Barnsley House to Joy Larkcom's modern farm and William Cobbett Cottager's garden.

Caroline Holmes is a garden consultant, lecturer, and broadcaster who works for the Museum of Garden History and the Henry Doubleday Research Association. She designed the Country Living Magazine Ornamental Kitchen Garden at Ryton Gardens and William Cobbett Cottager's garden at Yalding Gardens. Caroline is past chairman of the Herb Society of the UK and has just completed a BBC radio series, "Winter Gardens".

Lecture begins at 7:00pm, followed by a dessert reception. Fee: members $15; guests $18. Note: The Library will be open until 6:45pm this evening.

At Home: Growing in a Greenhouse

Thursday, March 26, 10:00 - Noon
Mt. Cuba, Greenville, De.

Phil Oyerly, greenhouse manager, will

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lead this tour through the greenhouses at Mt. Cuba, the garden of Mrs. Lammot duPont Copeland. The nine greenhouses operate year round providing a wide range of ornamental plants and cut flowers for the estate including blooming potted plants, fragrant flowers for the winter months, container gardens and annual seedlings for outdoor bedding displays. Orchids, freesias, cyclamen, lilies, stocks, delphinium, and spring bulbs are some of the early spring highlights.

Phil will discuss the challenges of forcing for the Flower Show, growing in a cool temperature greenhouse, and maintaining display quality plants.

Members must provide their own transportation. Travel directions and more details will be mailed 10 days before the program. Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Workshop: Botanical Illustration

6 Sessions, Thursdays, March 26, April 2, 9,16, 23, and 30, 12:30pm - 3:30pm, Chanticleer, Wayne, Pa.

Botanical illustrator **Louisa Rawle Tiné** returns with a six session course in botanical watercolor. Participants will learn precise brushwork and how to create pleasing and interesting colors. The emphasis is on realistic portrayal of botanical subjects and traditional methods of dry brush watercolor painting. Students will also work on drawing techniques, observations and composition. Instruction is highly individualized and geared to all levels of ability and goals.

Louisa Rawle Tiné has worked as a professional artist and illustrator for nearly 30 years in both the commercial and fine arts fields. Recent clients include Caspari, Inc., *Fine Gardening* and *Kitchen Garden* magazines, the NY Botanical Garden, and the 1998 Shepherd's Seed Catalog. Program limit: 15 students.

Fee: members $130; guests $140, includes instruction for six sessions. A materials list and travel instructions will be mailed upon registration.

Workshop: Spring Flower Boxes

Tuesday, March 31, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Pa.

Flower boxes aren't just for summer anymore! Window boxes filled with spring-blooming perennials and cool weather annuals can brighten your windowsills in early spring. **Michelle Healy**, horticulturist at Meadowbrook Farm, will demonstrate the basics of planting and caring for window boxes. She'll offer suggestions for effective plant combinations and ways to keep your window boxes looking lush and colorful all summer.

Participants will each plant a 24" windowbox to take home. Fee of $38 for members and $43 for guests includes instructions, soil, plants, and window box planter. Program limit: 20. Travel directions will be mailed 10 days before the program.

At Home Series: Repotting Orchids

Tuesday, April 14, 1:00 - 3:00pm
Wayne, Pa.

Joe Paolino, estate manager for Mrs. Samuel M.V.Hamilton, will demonstrate how to re-pot cattleyas, paphiopedilums, and phalaenopsis. He'll also discuss basic techniques for growing orchids in greenhouses: soil types, fertilization schedules, and healthy cultural practices. Following the demonstration, members will have the opportunity to tour the greenhouses.

Mrs. Hamilton's greenhouses provide an abundance of cut flowers for her home and protect tender tropical plants during the winter months. Many of these orchids and specimen plants have been frequent prize-winners at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $12; guests $15.

A Walk Through the Old Andorra Nurseries

Wednesday, April 15, 10:00 - Noon
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sioux Baldwin, director of Andorra Natural Area, will lead a walk through Andorra Nurseries, which is now part of Fairmount Park. She'll discuss its history, show remains of unusual plantings, and tell of Andorra's current role in environmental education in the Wissahickon.

Andorra Nurseries was once the largest commercial nursery east of the Mississippi. From 1886 to 1961, the 1,400 acre nursery supplied plants to the great estates of the Philadelphia area, including Winterthur, Longwood, and what is now the Morris Arboretum. It had its own train station and published periodic picture catalogs.

Fee: members $10; guests $13.

Visit the Gardens of Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico September 13 - 20, 1998

In early September, the landscape and gardens of the Southwest are at their most beautiful, with desert flowers in bloom and home gardens full of color. **Jane Pepper** will join with **Far Horizons Archaeological and Cultural Trips, Inc.** of Albuquerque to lead a week long tour, starting with three nights in Albuquerque before heading to Santa Fe. In addition to private gardens of sculptors and painters, we will visit museums and historic sites, such as the Petroglyph National Monument, the Georgia O'Keefe Museum, and cliff dwellings near Santa Fe.

We have made arrangements for tours of private gardens in Albuquerque whose owners are participating in the City's Xeriscape Incentive Program.We will also meet with members of the Santa Fe Garden Club. Our guide will be **Charles Mann**, a freelance photographer specializing in botanical and garden subjects and the culture of New Mexico. Charles has led tours of Santa Fe gardens for the Smithsonian Museum and for *Horticulture* Magazine.

If you would like to receive a brochure please check the appropriate box on the reservation page or contact **Carol Lindemann at 215-988-8818 or fax at 215-988-8810.**

Workshop: Japanese Flower Pressing

Thursday, April 16, 10:00 - 1:00pm
PHS classroom

This class will focus on the Japanese style of creating pressed flower compositions. In Japan, artists are permitted to incorporate a variety of objects into their finished work. **Victoria Mowrer Lashley**, who has studied flower pressing in Japan, will demonstrate the techniques of this floral art. After the demonstration, each participant will complete a small picture to take home.

Victoria will also instruct students in the art of pressing and preserving flowers. Each student will be given a flower press to use for future projects.

For more information about Japanese flower pressing see "Pressing Matters" by Victoria Mowrer Lashley, *Green Scene*, January 1998.

Fee of $49 for members and $54 for guests includes instruction, flower press, and all materials needed to complete the framed picture. Please bring tweezers, manicure scissors, a note book, and fresh flowers to share. Additional details will be mailed upon registration. Program limit: 15.

Fee: members $49; guests $54.

Lecture: Peirce's Woods at Longwood Gardens

Thursday, April 16, 7:00pm

The new Peirce's Woods Garden builds on a 200-year history of cultivating North American native plants at Longwood Gardens while taking a fine arts approach to garden design. **W. Gary Smith** and **Rick Darke** will trace the development of Peirce's Woods from Longwood's Quaker heritage to the present.

W. Gary Smith is a landscape architect and artist who combines art, ecology, and design - in the studio as well as in the landscape - to bring people into closer contact with the natural world. He is an associate professor of landscape design at the University of Delaware.

Rick Darke, curator of plants at Longwood Gardens, is also an author and photographer. His special interests include North American native plants and ornamental grasses. He is author/photographer of *Ornamental Grasses for Your Garden.*

Program begins at 7:00, followed by a dessert reception. Fee: members $12; guests $15. Note: the McLean Library will remain open until 6:45pm this evening.

Bamboo - Myths and Truths

Friday, April 17, 10:00 - 12:30pm
The Morris Arboretum

British bamboo specialist **Ian Connor** will dispel the myths that all bamboos are highly invasive, always die after flowering, are not hardy, and don't fit into garden designs. In this slide-illustrated lecture, Ian will discuss the structure, distribution, evolution, and flowering of bamboos.

Following the lecture, we'll go into the garden where Ian will demonstrate how to divide and plant bamboo. He'll also offer tips on cultivation, suggest interesting bamboo varieties to try, and discuss ways to effectively use bamboos in the landscape.

Ian Connor manages the Pond Valley area at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens in Hampshire, England. He's written a handbook on the cultivation of bamboo and is currently writing a book on temperate bamboos. He has taught workshops for British horticultural societies and the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew. Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $12; guests $15.

Pruning Small Trees and Shrubs

Saturday, April 18, 9:30 - 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, Pa.

Przemek Walczak, horticulturist at Chanticleer and certified ISA arborist, will demonstrate basic pruning for small trees and shrubs. Using the grounds of Chanticleer as a classroom, Walczak will focus on practical information for the home gardener, including reasons for pruning, proper tools and their uses, techniques, and timing.

Travel directions will be mailed ten days before the program. Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Guided Tour: Peirce's Woods

Saturday, April 18, 10:00 - Noon
Longwood Gardens
Kennett Square, Pa.

In this follow-up to the lecture on April 16, **W. Gary Smith** and guides from Longwood Gardens will lead PHS members on an interpretive tour of Peirce's Woods. W. Gary Smith is the designer for the renovation and redesign of Peirce's Woods.

The historic Peirce-duPont house, which features exhibits chronicling the history of the property, will also be open. Fee of $12 includes the guided tour and admission to Longwood Gardens for the day. Please sign up early; registrations for the tour are limited and must be received by April 8.

Workshop: Spring Garden Basket

Monday, April 20, 6:00 - 8:00pm
PHS classroom

Learn how to create European-style planter baskets in this workshop led by **Eve Monheim**. These baskets make long-lasting centerpieces or cheery gifts for friends.

Eve will lead you through the steps of combining fresh-cut seasonal flowers and potted plants in a decorative basket. Baskets, plants, flowers, and all other materials will be provided. Please bring scissors or pruners.

Eve Monheim, owner of Eve's Floral Creations in Glenside, Pa., teaches floral design workshops and has given demonstrations at the Philadelphia Flower Show and Harvest Show. This workshop is suitable for beginning or intermediate arrangers. Program limit: 24 students.

Fee: members $52; guests $55.

Lecture: Soil, Seeds, and Glorious Gardens

Tuesday, April 21, 6:00pm

Art Wolk will show you how to have a glorious and inexpensive garden by paying attention to garden soil and knowing a few secrets about seed germination.

Learn what you can do to make your soil the perfect environment for optimal plant growth and health, and how to create a lush, colorful garden with vegetables and annuals grown from seed.

Art Wolk is a garden writer, lecturer, photographer, and frequent winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Program begins at 6:00pm, followed by a wine and cheese reception. Note: the McLean Library will remain open until 6:00pm this evening.

Fee: members $10; guests $13.

Workshop: Introduction to Bonsai

Thursday, April 23, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Join **Chase Rosade** for an intensive, one-day experience designed to educate beginners in the basics of bonsai, the art of training and shaping dwarfed plants grown in shallow containers.

Students will learn the fundamentals of bonsai planting, shaping, styling, maintenance and care. This is a hands-on workshop, reinforced with lecture and individual instruction.

Following a demonstration, students will create their own bonsai to take home. Chase Rosade, owner of Rosade Bonsai Studio near New Hope, Pa., has been instructing students in bonsai for over 25 years.

Fee of $128 for members and $135 for guests includes instruction and all materials, Bonsai container and plant subject, and use of tools. Please bring your lunch. Program limit: 12.

Workshop: Planting a Trough Garden

Friday, April 24, 10:00 - Noon
Downingtown, Pa.

Horticulturist **David Culp** will teach the basics of planting and successfully growing plants in troughs. David will demonstrate how to combine plants and other natural elements, such as rocks and gravel, to create an aesthetically pleasing trough garden.

Participants will learn how to mix the soil for their project, and then plant a 10"x 20" trough planter with herbaceous plants. David Culp is a sales representative for Sunny Border Nurseries, Inc., which specializes in perennials.

Travel directions will be sent 10 days before the program. Program limit: 15. Fee of $56 for members and $60 for guests includes instruction, trough, plants, and all materials.

Evergreens for Your Landscape

Saturday, April 25, 9:30 - 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, Pa.

Looking for something easier to handle than a blue spruce and less appetizing to deer than arborvitae? Before you go plant shopping, join horticulturist **Peter Brindle** for this program on evergreens.

In this walk through the grounds at Chanticleer, you'll see a variety of evergreen trees and shrubs, conifers, and broadleaves used in different landscape situations. Peter will emphasize selecting the right plant for a given spot and provide practical advice on care, growth habits, and pruning. Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Workshop: English Hanging Baskets

Monday, April 27, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm,
Meadowbrook, Pa.

Learn how to create a moss-lined hanging basket, reminiscent of English gardens, in this workshop led by **Nanci Walsh**, retail manager of Meadowbrook Farm.

Each participant will line a 14" wire basket form with moss and plant it with their choice of blooming annuals. Nanci will guide members through the process of selecting appropriate plants for sunny or shady conditions, suggest interesting plant combinations, and provide recommendations for care, including fertilizing and watering.

All materials will be provided. Travel directions will be mailed 10 days before the program. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $49; guests $52.

Spring Walk: Crozer Arboretum

Tuesday, May 5, 10:00 - Noon
Upland, Pa.

The Crozer Arboretum encompasses the 70 acres of the Crozer Medical Center in Upland, Pa. Through the years, the campus has been used for educational and healing purposes, first as a seminary and later as a hospital.

Arboretum director **Harry Foulke** will lead our tour through the grounds. Giant historic trees dating from the 1800's and native plants line the nature trail along Chester Creek. Plant collections include hollies, bog plants, and ornamental grasses. The azaleas and rhododendrons, which number over a thousand plants, are the blooming highlight of early May.

Judy Garraty, greenhouse manager, will guide us through the greenhouses, which supply indoor plants for the hospital and annuals and perennials for the grounds.

Members must provide their own transportation. Travel directions and further details will be sent 10 days before the program.

Fee: members $12; guests $15.

Where Can I Park When I Visit PHS's 20th and Arch Street Headquarters?

There are parking lots nearby and plenty of metered parking on the street. There is no parking, however, in the garage at PHS headquarters. For names of garages or for parking suggestions or directions to PHS, please call (215)-988-8775 or 8776.

Flower Show Helps Spur Philadelphia's Economy

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institutions (like the Academy of Natural Sciences), and special offers by retail establishments now make up the 1998 Flower Show Week celebration," said Maurer.

In addition to the week-long impact, revenues from the Show also contribute to the Society's Philadelphia Green Program year-round, along with support from individuals, local foundations, corporations, and government agencies. Now more than ever our involvement with the city has increased dramatically.

Enjoy the Show again this year and rediscover its beauty through *La Passion du Jardin* (The Passion of the Garden). While you're there, pick up a coupon book for special Flower Show week offers all over the City.

To get the lay of the land, be sure to pick up your copy of the official Show Program during your visit. This year's Program contains pertintent Show information and a handy floor plan of the exhibits. If you'd like to enjoy the Show all year, the 1998 Show video will feature footage of this year's event. You can order the 1998 Flower Show video from PHS by calling Barbara Grinspan at (215)988-8837.

The Show will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 12th and Arch Streets, from Sunday, March 1, through Sunday, March 8. Public hours are: Sundays, 8:00am - 6:00pm; Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 9:30pm; Saturday, March 7, 8:00am - 9:30pm. Call PHS, (215) 988-8800, for more information.

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Meadowbrook Farm
3/17/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***Water Garden Series***
3/18, 25, and 31/98, 6:00pm
Members $59_____Guests $65_____

❑***Lecture: Ornamental Kitchen Garden***
PHS Auditorium
3/19/98, 7:00pm
Members $ 15_____Guests $18_____

❑***At Home Series:***
Mt. Cuba Greenhouses
Greenville, De.
3/26/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members $15; Guests $18_____

❑***Workshop: Botanical Illustration***
Chanticleer, Wayne, Pa
3/26/98, 4/2, 9, 16, 23, and 30/98
12:30 - 3:30pm

❑***Workshop: Spring Flower Boxes***
Meadowbrook Farm
3/31/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members $38_____Guests $43_____

❑***At Home Series: Repotting Orchids***
Wayne, Pa.
4/14/98, 1:00 - 3:00pm
Members $12_____Guests $15_____

❑***Andorra Natural Area Walk***
4/15/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members $10_____Guests $13_____

❑***Workshop: Japanese Flower Pressing***
4/16/98, 10:00 - 1:00pm
Members $49_____Guests $54_____

❑***Lecture: Peirce's Woods***
4/16/98, 7:00pm
Members $12_____Guests $15_____

❑***Bamboo, Myths & Truths***
Morris Arboretum
4/17/98, 10:00 - 12:30pm
Members $12_____Guests $15_____

❑***Pruning Small Trees and Shrubs***
Chanticleer, Wayne, Pa.
4/18/98, 9:30 - 11:30am
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***Guided Tour - Peirce's Woods***
Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa.
4/18/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members and Guests $12_____

❑***Workshop: Spring Garden Basket***
4/20/98, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Members $52_____Guests $55_____

❑***Lecture: Soil, Seeds, and Glorious Gardens***
4/21/98, 6:00pm
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❑***Workshop: Bonsai***
4/23/98, 9:00am - 5:00pm
Members $128_____Guests $135_____

❑***Workshop: Planting a Trough***
Downingtown, Pa.
4/24/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members $56_____Guests $60_____

❑***Evergreens for Your Landscape***
Chanticleer, Wayne, Pa.
4/25/98, 9:30 - 11:30am
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***Workshop: English Hanging Baskets***
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, Pa.
4/27/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members $49_____Guests $52_____

❑***Spring Walk: Crozer Arboretum***
Upland, Pa.
5/5/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members $12_____Guests $15_____

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PHS Extended Trip . . .

1998 Trip to New Mexico (see page 3)

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Lecture: Sara Stein - ***Natural Gardening, Restoring the Ecology of Our Own Backyard . . .*** Sunday, April 19, 2:00pm. The Anthracite Heritage Museum, McDade Park, Keyser Avenue, Scranton. The lecture, presented by the Countryside Conservancy, will include slides, Stein's book for sale, and time for questions, and book signing. The lecture is free and open to the public. No reservations required. For more information, contact the Countryside Conservancy, (717) 586-3524.

Longwood Gardens Organ Performing Arts Extravaganza . . . Friday, March 27, 7:00pm. The Philadelphia Organ Quartet will play "Floral Arrangements" including Debussy: Clair de Lune; Tchaikovsky: Waltz of the Flowers; Elgar: Pomp and Circumstance; Saint-Saens: Dance Macabre; Bach: movement from the Brandenburg Concertos; Sousa: Stars and Stripes Forever; among others. Special tickets are available in advance: $40.00 reserved; $35 unreserved. Tickets include Longwood Gardens admission. For information and to reserve your tickets, please call, (610) 388-1000.

"Women and Historic Preservation" . . . Thursday evening, May 28 and throughout the day on May 29. The Hagley Museum and Library's 1998 conference is about the role of women in our nation's heritage, and how historic preservation has presented American women's histories to the public. The conference is free and open to the public. To register, or for more information, contact Hagley's Center for the History of Business, Technology and Society , (302) 658-2400, ext. 243.

The Hotline....

A caller asks: How do I force cut branches to bloom?

Spring flowering trees and shrubs can be forced to bloom one to two months before their normal bloom time. In March, flower buds are already formed, and can be forced by imitating a spring environment in your home.

On a mild day, use a sharp pruning tool to cut a branch or branches with many buds. Be careful not to leave excessive stubs! Plants that can be forced include: azalea, spirea, flowering cherry, peach, plum, and the Flower Show favorite, forsythia. A cool, brightly lit room is the best location for forcing; avoid direct sunlight.

If the dry, warm air of your home causes the buds to dry up without opening, help your cuttings absorb water by crushing their stems with a hammer, then placing them into water containing a floral preservative.

You can use your forced flowering branches in arrangements, or simply display them in a tall container. When the soil has warmed, you can plant rooted stems outdoors.

PHS's Horticultural Hotline is open Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 12 noon. **Note:** The Hotline is closed from February 23 - March 8 for the Flower Show. It will re-open on Monday, March 9. Phone: 215-988-8777; Fax: 215-988-8783; E-mail: jalling@pennhort.org

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Pepperpot . . .

Thanks to All Who Contributed, The 1998 Flower Show Was *"Un Grand Succes"*

Grateful thanks to all who helped to make the '98 Philadelphia Flower Show such a success. When we started set-up week, there was already an electricity, a passion if you will, about *La Passion du Jardin*. As soon as we opened for the Members' Preview, I knew we had a winner.

In the planning, the theme set the tone and the exhibitors picked up the spirit beautifully. From the tiniest niche to the largest landscape display, a degree of excellence pervaded the exhibit halls unlike almost any other year. The judges had a tough time because although our winners were outstanding and deserved all the ribbons they received, every other exhibit was a winner in its own way.

It was an exciting week and by the time we closed our doors on Sunday night, some 286,000 people had attended the Show. From Texas to Towanda they came, and from Wisconsin and West Philadelphia. Not only did they love the exhibits, but many also commented on the friendliness of the volunteers who welcomed them in their pink "pinnies." Also, we received compliments on the excellent job employees in the Philadelphia Police Department, SEPTA and PATCO did to ease their getting to the Show.

We tried some new things this year and although we have lots of refinements to make for other years, our innovations were generally successful. On surveys from the past two years at the Convention Center, visitors requested that we offer free same day re-entry. Volunteers at the Information Center reported many compliments on this change and about 20% of our visitors took advantage of the opportunity to get out and take a break, visit the Reading Terminal Market, downtown restaurants and cultural activities.

To make the Show less crowded, we attempted to spread the attendance by opening at 8:00am on weekends and by offering more evening activities to encourage people to come after 4:00 pm. The lines at 7:45am on Saturday and Sunday are proof that some of our Flower Show crowd is happy to rise early and the enthusiastic reception for the evening activities will encourage us to develop new enticementsto encourage Show visitors to come later in the day.

Over the next few weeks, we will be analyzing every aspect of the Show. If you have suggestions to help us plan Shows in future years, please send them to me at the Society. If you would like to volunteer, let me know that too.

Jane G. Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
President, PHS

1998 Flower Show Award Winners Listed on Page 6 . . .

Mark Your Calender
Garden Visits Begin May 10th

Take advantage of one of the most popular benefits of PHS membership when generous owners open their gardens to PHS members on Sunday afternoons in May and June. Garden Visits coordinator **Nancy Greenwood** has arranged three outstanding tours for 1998: **May 10 in Wilmington and Northern Delaware; May 31 in Mt. Airy, Chestnut Hill, and Wyndmoor; and June 28 in Bucks County.**

May 10: Wilmington and Northern Delaware

Sunday, 12:30pm - 5:00pm

The six private gardens open for our tour in northern Delaware include suburban gardens and country estates, intimate terraces, garden rooms and grand vistas. Small and large ponds enhance the settings; around their edges thrives a variety of moisture-loving plants.

Mid-season azaleas and rhododendron will be in bloom, along with dogwoods and other ornamental trees and shrubs. In one garden, a hosta collection displayed in containers, as well as in garden beds, provides a special highlight.

May 31: Mt. Airy, Chestnut Hill, and Wyndmoor

Sunday, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

PHS members will visit eight private gardens designed and planted in various styles. Plants, fences, and walls frame the gardens providing privacy in city settings.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Save the Date -

Regional Urban Greening Forum To Be Held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center Friday, November 6, 1998

With funding provided by the **Pew Charitable Trusts**, PHS is coordinating an all day event dedicated to urban greening in cities and suburbs. Topics will include: food production in urban areas; trees in urban areas; town squares & parks; corridors, main streets & gateways; youth programs and more. Urban greening projects in Philadelphia, Trenton and Wilmington will be highlighted. To receive a brochure or if you have suggestions for the day, please contact **Patricia Schrieber** at PHS, **(215) 988-8841.**

Philadelphia Green Is Beneficiary for Fine Art Exhibit "*Pistils & Stamens*"

The exhibit will be held from April 17 - May 10, 1998 at **ART FORMS Gallery** in Manayunk, Pennsylvania, 106 Levering Street (just off Main Street). The opening reception is Friday, April 17 from 6:00pm until 9:00pm.

All proceeds from the sale of hand decorated flower pots will benefit PHS's Philadelphia Green Program. For more information, please call the gallery, (215) 483-3030.

PHS Members Invited to Attend GreenSpace Alliance Meeting on Monday, April 6

The **GreenSpace Alliance was** formed in 1992 by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council to protect and conserve green spaces in Southeastern, Pennsylvania.

This meeting will focus on the Steering Committee's **Legacy Project**, whose goal is to develop a green space agenda for the 21st century. The opening ceremony and breakout sessions will be held at the Marriott in West Conshohocken from 2:00pm - 4:30pm. A reception, awards ceremony and speech will be held at a neighboring building overlooking the Schuylkill River from 4:30 - 7:00pm. Cost is $5.00 for afternoon; $15.00 for reception; $20.00 for afternoon and reception. For more information, please call, (215) 563-0250.

ACTIVITIES

Tips for Making Reservations

Reservations, required for all members' programs, must be made through the reservation form in the **PHS *News***. Unfortunately, we cannot accept phone reservations. **A description of each program appears in two consecutive issues of the PHS *News*; i.e., an April event will be listed in March and April.**

Sign up early! Many of the members' activities have limited registration and fill quickly. Call Sally Kutyla at 215-988-8775 if you need more information about a particular members' program.

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At Home Series: Repotting Orchids

Tuesday, April 14, 1:00 - 3:00pm
Wayne, Pa.

Joe Paolino, estate manager for Mrs. Samuel M.V. Hamilton, will demonstrate how to re-pot *Cattleya*, *Paphiopedilum*, and *Phalaenopsis*. He'll also discuss basic techniques for growing orchids in greenhouses: soil types, fertilization schedules, and healthy cultural practices. Following the demonstration, members will have the opportunity to tour the greenhouses. Many of these orchids and specimen plants have been frequent prize-winners at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $12; guests $15.

A Walk Through the Old Andorra Nurseries

Wednesday, April 15, 10:00 - Noon
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sioux Baldwin, director of Andorra Natural Area, will lead a walk through Andorra Nurseries, which is now part of Fairmount Park. She'll discuss its history, show remains of unusual plantings, and tell of Andorra's current role in environmental education in the Wissahickon. From 1886 to 1961, the 1,400-acre nursery supplied plants to the great estates of the Philadelphia area, including Winterthur, Longwood, and what is now the Morris Arboretum.

Fee: members $10; guests $13.

Workshop: Japanese Flower Pressing

Thursday, April 16, 10:00 - 1:00pm
PHS classroom

This class will focus on the Japanese style of creating pressed flower compositions. **Victoria Mowrer Lashley**, who has studied flower pressing in Japan, will demonstrate the techniques of this floral art. After the demonstration, each participant will complete a small picture to take home.

Victoria will also instruct students in the art of pressing and preserving flowers. Each student will be given a flower press to use for future projects.

Fee of $49 for members and $54 for guests includes instruction, flower press, and all materials needed to complete the framed picture. Please bring tweezers, manicure scissors, a note book, and fresh flowers to share. Additional details will be mailed upon registration. Program limit:15.

Fee: members $49; guests $54.

Lecture: Peirce's Woods at Longwood Gardens

Thursday, April 16, 7:00pm

W. Gary Smith and **Rick Darke** will trace the development of Peirce's Woods from Longwood's Quaker heritage to the present.

W. Gary Smith is a landscape architect and artist who combines art, ecology, and design. He is associate professor of landscape design at the University of Delaware. Rick Darke is curator of plants at Longwood Gardens. His special interests include North American native plants and ornamental grasses. He is author/photographer of *Ornamental Grasses for Your Garden.*

Program begins at 7:00pm, followed by a dessert reception. Fee: members $12; guests $15. **Note: the McLean Library will remain open until 6:45pm this evening.**

Bamboo - Myths and Truths

Friday, April 17, 10:00 - 12:30pm
The Morris Arboretum

In this slide-illustrated lecture, British bamboo specialist **Ian Connor** will discuss the structure, distribution,

evolution and flowering of bamboos.

Ian Connor manages the Pond Valley area at the **Sir Harold Hillier Gardens** in Hampshire, England. He's written a handbook on the cultivation of bamboo and is currently writing a book on temperate bamboos. He has taught workshops for British horticultural societies and the **Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew**. Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $12; guests $15.

Pruning Small Trees and Shrubs

Saturday, April 18, 9:30 - 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, Pa.

Przemek Walczak, horticulturist at Chanticleer and certified ISA arborist, will demonstrate basic pruning for small trees and shrubs. Using the grounds of Chanticleer as a classroom, Walczak will focus on practical information for the home gardener, including reasons for pruning, proper tools and their uses, techniques, and timing. Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Guided Tour: Peirce's Woods

Saturday, April 18, 10:00 - Noon
Longwood Gardens
Kennett Square, Pa.

In this follow-up to the lecture on April 16, **W. Gary Smith** and guides from Longwood Gardens will lead PHS members on an interpretive tour of Peirce's Woods. W. Gary Smith is the designer for the renovation and redesign of Peirce's Woods.

The historic **Peirce-duPont** house, which features exhibits chronicling the history of the property, will also be open. Fee of $12 includes the guided tour and admission to Longwood Gardens for the day. Please sign up early; registrations for the tour are limited and must be received by April 8.

Workshop: Spring Garden Basket

Monday, April 20, 6:00 - 8:00pm
PHS classroom

Learn how to create European-style planter baskets in this workshop led by **Eve Monheim**.Eve will lead you through the steps of combining fresh-cut seasonal flowers and potted plants in a decorative basket. Baskets, plants, flowers, and all other materials will be provided.

Eve Monheim, owner of **Eve's Floral Creations** in Glenside, Pa., teaches floral design workshops and has given demonstrations at the Philadelphia Flower Show and Harvest Show. This workshop is suitable for beginning or intermediate arrangers. Please bring pruners. Program limit: 24 students.

Fee: members $52; guests $55.

Lecture: Soil, Seeds, and Glorious Gardens

Tuesday, April 21, 6:00pm

Art Wolk will show you how to have a glorious and inexpensive garden by paying attention to garden soil and knowing a few secrets about seed germination. Learn what you can do to make your soil the perfect environment for optimal plant growth and health.

Art Wolk is a garden writer, lecturer, photographer, and frequent winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Program begins at 6:00pm, followed by a wine and cheese reception. **Note: the McLean Library will remain open until 6:00pm this evening.**

Fee: members $10; guests $13.

Workshop: Introduction to Bonsai

Thursday, April 23, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Join **Chase Rosade** for an intensive, one-day experience designed to educate beginners in the basics of bonsai, the art of training and shaping dwarfed plants grown in shallow containers.

Following a demonstration, students will create their own bonsai to take home. Chase Rosade, owner of **Rosade Bonsai Studio** near New Hope, Pa., has been instructing students in bonsai for over 25 years.

Fee of $128 for members and $135 for guests includes instruction and all materials, Bonsai container and plant subject, and use of tools. Please bring your lunch. Program limit: 12.

Workshop: Planting a Trough Garden

Friday, April 24, 10:00 - Noon
Downingtown, Pa.

Horticulturist **David Culp** will teach the basics of planting and successfully growing plants in troughs.

Participants will learn how to mix the soil for their project, and then plant a 10"x 20" trough planter with herbaceous plants. David Culp is a sales representative for **Sunny Border Nurseries, Inc.**, which specializes in perennials.

Travel directions will be sent 10 days before the program. Program limit: 15. Fee of $56 for members and $60 for guests includes instruction, trough, plants, and all materials.

Evergreens for Your Landscape

Saturday, April 25, 9:30 - 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, Pa.

Looking for something easier to handle than a blue spruce and less appetizing to deer than arborvitae? Before you go plant shopping, join horticulturist **Peter Brindle** for this program on evergreens.

In this walk through the grounds at Chanticleer, you'll see a variety of evergreen trees and shrubs, conifers, and broadleaves used in different landscape situations. Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Workshop: English Hanging Baskets

Monday, April 27, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm,
Meadowbrook, Pa.

Learn how to create a moss-lined hanging basket, reminiscent of English gardens, in this workshop led by **Nanci Walsh**, retail manager of Meadowbrook Farm.

Each participant will line a 14" wire basket form with moss and plant it with their choice of blooming annuals. Nanci will guide members through the process of selecting appropriate plants for sunny or shady conditions, suggest interesting plant combinations, and provide recommendations for care, including fertilizing and watering.

All materials will be provided. Travel directions will be mailed 10 days before the program. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $49; guests $52.

Spring Walk: Crozer Arboretum

Tuesday, May 5, 10:00 - Noon
Upland, Pa.

The Crozer Arboretum encompasses the 70 acres of the Crozer Medical Center in Upland, Pa.

Arboretum director **Harry Foulke** will lead our tour through the grounds. Giant historic trees dating from the 1800's and native plants line the nature trail along Chester Creek. Plant collections include hollies, bog plants, and ornamental grasses. The azaleas and rhododendrons, which number over a thousand plants, are the blooming highlight of early May.

Judy Garraty, greenhouse manager, will guide us through the greenhouses, which supply indoor plants for the hospital and annuals and perennials for the grounds. Members must provide their own transportation. Travel directions and further details will be sent 10 days before the program.

Fee: members $12; guests $15.

Field Trip: Day in Chestertown

Wednesday, May 6, 7:15am - 6:30pm

PHS members and guests will visit six private gardens in Chestertown, Maryland. We'll see gardens ranging from charming city gardens overlooking the river to a large estate on Langford Creek. In the morning we'll tour three historic in-town homes and gardens.

After lunch at a private residence, we'll travel to two large gardens. At the first, English style garden rooms surround a 19th century cottage. Our final stop is a waterfront estate with an historic house and garden dating from 1740. **Marnie Flook**, longtime PHS member and Chestertown resident, will be our Chestertown guide.

Fee of $54 for members and $59 for guests includes bus transportation, refreshments on the bus, lunch, and entrance fees. Please indicate choice of pick-up location on reservation form: Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park or Center City. Information about bus departures will be mailed in late April.

Spring Walk: Pink Hill Tyler Arboretum

Friday, May 8, 10:00 - Noon
Media, Pa.

Scattered throughout southeastern Pennsylvania and northern Maryland are isolated pockets of serpentine stone. Called "barrens" by early settlers who found the land unsuitable for farming, these outcroppings of gray-green rock are home to rare and specialized plants that have adapted to the high mineral content of the soil.

Pink Hill is Tyler Arboretum's serpentine barren, so named for the pink flowers of *Phlox subulata* which carpet the hillside in early May. We'll meet at the education center and shuttle by van the mile to the trail entrance, where Arboretum director **Rick Colbert** will lead PHS members on a short hike to Pink Hill. Rick will discuss the history of this area, its unique chemistry, and the plants that survive there.

Following the walk, members may explore other areas of the Arboretum including the lilac collection and the recently renovated native woodland walk. Travel directions will be mailed 10 days before the program. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $13; guests $16.

Conference On Woody Plants for the Landscape And Garden Center Industries, July 17, 1998 at Swarthmore College

The enthusiasm among horticulturists, designers, and keen gardeners for the latest and best woody plants has generated a collaboration of regional organizations to present the **1998 Conference on Woody Plants for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries.** It will be held at Swarthmore College on Friday, July 17, 1998, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Experts in woody plant related fields will discuss everything from woody plants as structural elements, new and underused plants, magnolias, and plant hardiness to design suggestions for using conifers in the garden. Guest speakers include: **Dorothy Callaway,** garden writer from Coolidge, GA; **Paul Cappiello,** horticultural director of Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest in Clermont, KY; **Gary Koller,** horticultural consultant from the Arnold Aboretum of Harvard University; **Todd Lasseigne** of North Carolina State University; and **R. William Thomas,** education division manager at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA.

This conference is jointly sponsored by Longwood Gardens, Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and Tyler Arboretum.

For more information or to receive a brochure, check the appropriate box on the reservation form or call **Betsy Gullan (215) 988-8778.** Brochures will be mailed in late April.

A Study in Contrasts - A Visit to Two Japanese Gardens

Saturday, May 9, 10:00 -2:15pm
Bala Cynwyd and Fairmount Park
Philadelphia, Pa.

In 1994 **Jack C. Miller**, known for his moss garden in Collegeville, was commissioned to redesign the Japanese garden at the **Pagoda**, a 30-year-old office building in Bala Cynwyd. This completely dry landscape (Zen) has all the elements of a traditional strolling garden, including humble gate, lanterns, bridges, and a large dry "waterfall and stream". Jack Miller will lead a tour of the garden and discuss the challenges of creating this uncommon urban garden.

We'll proceed from the Pagoda to **Pine Breeze Villa**, the Japanese house and garden in nearby Fairmount Park. In contrast to the dry garden at the Pagoda, this 17th century style house is surrounded by an equally authentic 17th century style garden featuring azaleas, pines, trimmed hedges, topiaries and bamboos that surround a large koi pond. **Ann McPhail**, garden manager, will explain the elements of the garden and current efforts to restore, maintain and preserve this historic complex.

Members must provide their own transportation. Travel directions will be mailed 10 days before the program. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Program limit: 25.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

At Home: A Woodland Garden in Spring

Wednesday, May 13, 10:00 - Noon
Rydal, Pa.

Lucille Roland will guide us through her garden, where flowering trees, azaleas, and rhododendron provide a backdrop for uncommon wildflowers and shade-loving perennials. It's been nearly 40 years since the Rolands chose this site for their woodland garden and designed their home to complement the setting.

In sunnier spots in the garden, we will see a collection of dwarf conifers and a

perennial border planted for a long season of interest. For our early May visit, tree peonies and tulips should be in bloom. Travel directions will be mailed 10 days before the program. Program limit:15.

Fee: members $13; guests $16.

Field Trip: Sculpture in the Garden
Kykuit and the Donald M. Kendall Sculpture Garden at PepsiCo

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30am - 7:45pm

We'll travel to **Kykuit**, the Rockefeller estate overlooking the Hudson, for the sculpture and garden tour. This tour includes areas of the garden not included on the house and garden tour. Each different garden is an important element in the beaux arts landscape designed by William Welles Bosworth.

After lunch in Tarrytown, we'll proceed to **the Donald M. Kendall Sculpture Gardens at PepsiCo's** world headquarters in Purchase, NY. This strolling garden on 168 acres features the landscape designs of E. Durell Stone, Russell Page, and François Goffinet. More than 40 major sculptures are incorporated into a very understated landscape display garden. **Peter Atkins**, PepsiCo's former botanical curator, will be our guide for our tour of this unique corporate setting.

In the course of our day, members will see works by Pablo Picasso, Auguste Rodin, Isamu Noguchi, Alexander Calder, Louise Nevelson, Aristide Maillol, David Wynne, Joan Miró, and many others.

Fee of $84 for members and $89 for guests includes bus transportation, all entrance and guide fees, refreshments on the bus, lunch, and gratuities. Please indicate choice of pick-up location on the reservation form: Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park or Center City. **Please register early; all reservations must be received by April 29.**

Field Trip:
Gardens of Northern New Jersey

Thursday, May 28, 7:15am - 7:00pm

Our first stop in Upper Montclair will be the **Presby Memorial Iris Gardens**. Named for Frank Presby, one of the founders of the American Iris Society, these gardens contain over 4,000 varieties of iris. In late May, the tall bearded iris should be at peak bloom.

We'll have a box lunch at the recently restored residence of the **Van Vleck House and Gardens**. This historic property, dating from 1916, includes hundreds of rhododendron, azaleas, Chinese wisteria, and magnolias.

From Montclair, we'll proceed to the **Leonard J. Buck Garden** in Far Hills. This mature garden consists of a series of alpine and woodland gardens situated in a wooded stream valley. Leonard Buck worked with renowned landscape architect Zenon Schreiber to create this naturalistic garden where exotic plants and rare wildflowers flourish in the crevices of several large rock outcroppings. Before starting home, we'll visit a private country garden in Chester, NJ.

Fee of $64 for members and $69 for guests includes bus transportation, all entrance and guide fees, refreshments on the bus, and lunch. Please indicate your choice of pick-up location on the reservation form: Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park or Center City. Information about bus departures will be mailed in mid-May.

Special Event, Christopher Lloyd
Wednesday, May 13, 7:30pm

The Hardy Plant Society Mid Atlantic Group, the **Pennsylvania Horticultural Society**, and the **Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College** invite you to "Bold, Beautiful Gardens", a special lecture by the world-renowned gardener **Christopher Lloyd**, Wednesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m., Lang Performing Arts Center, Swarthmore College. A dessert reception will follow the lecture.

Lloyd is an opinionated gardener who combines a passionate love for plants with a critical intelligence in discussing them. During this lecture he will share his ideas about creating memorable gardens and using texture and color in powerful ways.

Christopher Lloyd has made his life and his garden at Great Dixter, a medieval manor in East Sussex, England. His garden, overflowing with a wealth of plants, contains masterful plantings which are intensive, adventurous and colorful. His long border, the centerpiece of Great Dixter, delights visitors from spring through late fall with its rich and ever-evolving plantings.

Lloyd has contributed weekly articles to *Country Life s*ince 1963, and is the author of many books including: *Clematis*, *The Mixed Border, Foliage Plants, The Well Tempered Gardener, In My Garden* and, most recently, *Gardener Cook.*

This is the only lecture Lloyd will be giving in the Philadelphia area in 1998. Please register by the reservation form, page 7. You may also register with Visa or MasterCard payment either by phone (215) 988-8776; by fax (215) 988-8783; or by email to ldavis@pennhort.org

Fee:$20 for members of HPS, Scott and PHS; $25 for non-members.

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Congratulations to 1998 Flower Show Award Winners

MAJOR EXHIBITOR AWARDS

THE PHS FLOWER SHOW AWARD for the **BEST IN SHOW** in the following categories:
LANDSCAPE: Stoney Bank Nurseries
FLORAL DESIGN: LeRoy's Flower's & Gifts Inc.
ACADEMIC EDUCATIONAL: Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades
NONACADEMIC EDUCATIONAL: U.S. EPA Region III
NONPROFIT DISPLAY: Flora Design Gallery & Herb Society of America.

FEATURE AWARDS

THE PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW, INC. SILVER TROPHY for the most distinctive exhibit in the Show: **J. Franklin Styer Nurseries, Inc.**
ALFRED M. CAMPBELL MEMORIAL TROPHY for the exhibit that demonstrates the most successful use of a variety of plants in a unique fashion: **Stoney Bank Nurseries**
THE MAYOR'S TROPHY for appropriate use of a wide selection of plants and/or cut flowers: **LeRoy's Flowers & Gifts Inc.**
THE GOVERNOR'S TROPHY for successful integration of appropriate structural features and accessories into overall exhibit: **Robertson's**
THE PHILADELPHIA TROPHY for the most unusual design concept: **McNaughton's Nurseries Inc.**
THE PHS COUNCIL TROPHY for the most accomplished display of forced plants and/or cut flowers: **Mansmann-Liskey Landscape Contractors**

THE PHS GARDEN, ENTRYWAY & COLLECTION CLASS AWARDS

THE PHS GARDEN TROPHY to the blue ribbon winner in Competitive Class 151 "Romancing the Garden": **Henry & Alberta Depenbrock, "Quasimodo's Gift"**
THE PHS TROPHY to the blue ribbon winner in Competitive Class 152 "Celebrations": **Etes - vous Prets, Lower Merion High School**

SPECIAL AWARDS

CHICAGO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEDAL to an exhibit showing outstanding horticultural skill and knowledge: **Romano's Landscaping**
THE PENNSYLVANIA LANDSCAPE & NURSERY ASSOCIATION TROPHIES to the Competitive Classes Garden (Class 151) and Entryway (Class 152) showing the most effective use of plants and best use of design:
GARDEN: **University of Delaware Plant & Soil Science Department, "Lover's Dream-Midnight Magic"**
ENTRYWAY: **Mill Creek Valley Garden Club, "Mariage Chez Nous"**
MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY GOLD MEDAL to the Competitive Classes Garden (Class 151) demonstrating the best use of design: **Men's Garden Club of Philadelphia, Class 151, "Peter & Wendy"**
THE AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY CITATION for an exhibit of horticultural excellence which best demonstrates the bond between horticulture and the environment, and inspires the viewer to beautify home and community through skillful design and appropriate plant material: **Romano's Landscaping**
BULKLEY MEDAL OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA to an exhibit of exceptional educational merit in the fields of horticulture, botany, or conservation: **Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades**
MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF DELAWARE VALLEY AWARD to a garden containing plants suited to Delaware Valley, in a setting that can primarily be maintained by one person: **The Little House Shop**
SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FLORISTS FLOWER SHOW AWARD for the artistic presentation of flowers and plants for public enjoyment in the Floral Design category: **LeRoy's Flowers & Gifts Inc.**
THE PHYLLIS M. CRAIG AWARD for the best use of flowering and/or foliage pot plants in the Floral Design category: **Batch-O-Blooms**
THE EMILE H. GESCHICK MEMORIAL AWARD for distinctive orchid display: **Flora Design Gallery & Herb Society of America**
PHS TROPHY to the **outstanding blue ribbon** winner in **Pressed Plant Material** Classes: **Nubuo Sugino, The Wonderful Pressed Flower Club**
PHS TROPHY to the **outstanding blue ribbon** winner in **Miniature Settings** Classes: **Susan & Barbara Stevens, "Love in Bloom"**
THE PHS ROOM TROPHY for the **outstanding blue ribbon** winner in **Room** Class 133 "A Room with a Deja Vu": **Wissahickon Garden Club, "Fashion Changes-Style Remains"**
THE JACK KELLMER COMPANY AWARD for the **outstanding blue ribbon** winner in **Table** Class 134 "French Provincial": **Norristown Garden Club, "C'est Ski Bon"**
THE FTD DISTRICT 3-B TROPHY for the outstanding arrangement of the week in the **Room and Table** Classes: **Norristown Garden Club,"C'est Ski Bon"**

ARTISTIC CLASSES AWARDS

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE for great distinction to an exhibit in the **Artistic** Section: **Alice Farley, Wissahickon Garden Club**
THE BLUE AND GOLD RIBBON OF THE GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENN-SYLVANIA to the **highest scrorng blue ribbon** winner in the **Niche** Classes on Staurday: **Jane Godshalk, Four Counties Garden Club**
THE MARGARET BIDDLE BRIGHT MEMORIAL of the Seed and Weed Garden Club for the **outstanding blue ribbon exhibit of the week** in **Large Niche** Classes: **Jennifer Morrison & Mary Jo Strawbridge, The Garden Workers**
NANCY REID CLAUSEN AWARD of the Chestnut Hill Garden Club for the **outstanding blue ribbon exhibit of the week** in **Medium Niche** Classes: **Cathy Custer, Swarthmore Garden Club**
PHS TROPHY to the **outstanding blue ribbon exhibit of the week** in **Small Niche** Classes: **Alice C. H. Farley, Wissahickon Garden Club**
PHS TROPHY to the **outstanding blue ribbon exhibit of the week** in the **Defined and Open Space** Classes: **Frannie Maguire, Wissahickon Garden Club**
THE HELEN HOPE DECHERT AWARD of the Planters Garden Club to the **outstanding blue ribbon exhibit of the week** in the **Niche** Classes: **Alice Farley, Wissahickon Garden Club**
PHS TROPHY to the **outstanding blue ribbon winner** in the **Designs for Jewelry** Classes: **Lisa Webb Howe**
PHS TROPHY to the **outstanding blue ribbon winner** in the **Designs for Needle Art** Classes: **Eleanor Labella**

SPECIAL AWARDS

FLORISTS INVITATIONAL AWARD to the outstanding exhibit of the week: **Ten Pennies Florist, Philadelphia, PA**
Runner-up: **Christopher T. Volz of Christopher's Florist, Cherry Hill, NJ**

SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

PHS HORTICULTURAL SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY (RUNNER-UP) for the **individual** accumulating the greatest number of points in the **Horticulture Classes**: **Sylvia Lin, Old York Garden Club**
PHS HORTICULTURAL SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY for the **individual** accumulating the greatest number of points in the **Horticulture Classes**: **Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton**
MARGAH FLOOD MEMORIAL TROPHY for the horticultural organization accumulating the greatest number of points in the **Horticulture** Classes: **The Garden Club of Wilmington**
Runners-up: **Philadelphia Cactus & Succulent Society Garden Club of Philadelphia**
SARAH C. Z. GROOME AWARD to the **individual** accumulating the greatest number of points in the following Artistic Classes: Niches, Defined and Open Spaces, Miniature arrangements, Pressed plant Material, Designs for Jewelry, Designs for Needle Art, Romms and Tables: **W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr. , Berks County Horticultural Club** Runner-up: **Frannie Maguire , Wissahickon Garden Club**
PHS ARTISTIC SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY for the **horticultural organization** accumulating the greatest number of points in the **Artistic** Section: **Wissahickon Garden Club**)Runners-up: **Garden Workers Norristown Garden Club The Gardeners**
THE MARGARET BUCKLEY ZANTZINGER AWARD for the **garden club** accumulating the greatest number of points in **all competitive sections** of the Show: **Wissahickon Garden Club (1093 pts)** Runner-up: **The Garden Club of Wilmington**
PHS GRAND SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY donated by Mrs. Henry W. Breyer, Jr. to the **individual** accumulating the greatest number of points in **all competitive sections** of the Show: **Rosemarie Vassalluzzo, Four Lane's End Garden Club**

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❑***At Home Series: Repotting Orchids***
Wayne, Pa.
4/14/98, 1:00-3:00pm
Members $12_____Guests $15_____
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❑***Andorra Natural Area Walk***
4/15/98, 10:00-Noon
Members $10_____Guests $13_____

❑***Workshop: Japanese Flower Pressing***
4/16/98, 10:00-1:00pm
Members $49_____Guests $54_____

❑***Lecture: Peirce's Woods***
4/16/98, 7:00pm
Members $12_____Guests $15_____

❑***Bamboo, Myths & Truths***
Morris Arboretum
4/17/98, 10:00-12:30pm
Members $12_____Guests $15_____

❑***Pruning Small Trees and Shrubs***
Chanticleer, Wayne, Pa.
4/18/98, 9:30-11:30am
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***Guided Tour - Peirce's Woods***
Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa.
4/18/98, 10:00-Noon
Members and Guests $12_____

❑***Workshop: Spring Garden Basket***
4/20/98, 6:00-8:00pm
Members $52_____Guests $55_____

❑***Lecture: Soil, Seeds, and Glorious Gardens***
4/21/98, 6:00pm
Members $10_____Guests $13_____

❑***Workshop: Bonsai***
4/23/98, 9:00am-5:00pm
Members $128_____Guests $135_____

❑***Workshop: Planting a Trough***
Downingtown, Pa.
4/24/98, 10:00-Noon
Members $56_____Guests $60_____

❑***Evergreens for Your Landscape***
Chanticleer, Wayne, Pa.
4/25/98, 9:30-11:30am
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***Workshop: English Hanging Baskets***
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, Pa.
4/27/98, 10:00-Noon
Members $49_____Guests $52_____

❑***Spring Walk: Crozer Arboretum***
Upland, Pa.
5/5/98, 10:00-Noon
Members $12_____Guests $15_____

❑***Field Trip: Chestertown, Md.***
5/6/98, 7:15am-6:30pm
Members $54_____Guests $59_____
Pick-up location:
Horticulture Center___or Center City___

❑***Spring Walk: Tyler Arboretum***
Media, Pa.
5/8/98, 10:00am-Noon
Members $13_____Guests $16_____

❑***Japanese Gardens Visit***
Philadelphia, Pa.
5/9/98, 10:00am-2:15pm
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***At Home: Woodland Garden***
Rydal, Pa.
5/13/98, 10:00am-Noon
Members $13_____Guests $16_____

❑***Field Trip: Kykuit and PepsiCo***
Tarrytown and Purchase, NY
5/20/98, 6:30am-7:45pm
Members $84_____Guests $89_____
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Horticulture Center___or Center City___

❑***Field Trip: Northern New Jersey***
5/28/98, 7:15am-7:00pm
Members $64_____Guests$69_____
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Garden Visits

❑*Wilmington and Northern Delaware*
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1998 Trip to New Mexico

___Please send a brochure for the 1998 trip to New Mexico.

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The Providence Garden Club of Philadelphia will hold its 50th Annual Plant Sale . . . on May 2, from 9:00am - 2:00pm at the Tyler Arboretum, Painter and Forge Roads, Lima, Pa. A large variety of annuals, perennials and hanging baskets will be for sale. For more information, please contact **Marvel Wilson, (610) 566-1222.**

18th Annual Media Flower Show . . . will be held on Wednesday, April 15 from 12:30pm - 8:00pm and Thursday, April 16th from 9:00am - 3:00pm in the Media Armory, 12 East State Street, Media, Pa. The Show's theme will be "Romance of the Flowers". The Show is free and open to the public. The exhibition hall will be handicapped accessible for the event. For more information, please contact **Lynn Kelley, (610) 565-9845**.

Native Plant Sale at Ashland Nature Center . . . will be held Saturday, May 2, from 9:00am - 5:00pm, and Sunday, May 3 from 10:00am - 3:00pm at the Ashland Nature Center, Brackenville and Barley Mill Roads, Hockessin, De. (Nine miles from Wilmington, De.; five miles south of Kennet Square, Pa.). The sale, presented by the Delaware Nature Society, will feature more than 150 native wildflowers, trees, shrubs, ferns and grasses from cultivated sources, potted and ready for transplanting. Free and open to the public. A pre-order catalog and schedule of activities is available by calling **(302) 239-2334.**

The Hotline....

A caller asks: What is the proper care for roses?

When roses come out of dormancy, usually sometime in April, gently pull away the protective mulch or mounded soil to check for new growth. Avoid using metal tools such as rakes and trowels which may injure tender new shoots. A stream of water will help clear the stems.

Pruning cuts should be above an outward-facing bud so there are no dead stubs susceptible to canker. Dipping your pruners in alcohol between cuts will prevent the spread of disease.

Prune dead canes that are brown and black in color. Also prune dead tips back to the white part of the stem, and any canes that rub together. For a more compact rose bush, cut back any canes longer than 18 inches.

The center of the plant should be open for good air circulation which will help prevent many fungal diseases. Clear away old canes and leaf debris. Feed with a balanced fertilizer, such as 5-10-5, and water thoroughly. Feed again in June and August.

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Conference On Woody Plants for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries, July 17, 1998 at Swarthmore College

The enthusiasm among horticulturists, designers and keen gardeners for the latest and best woody plants has generated a collaboration of regional organizations to present the **1998 Conference on Woody Plants for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries.** It will be held at Swarthmore College on Friday, July 17, 1998, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Experts in woody plant related fields will discuss everything from new and underused plants, magnolias and plant hardiness to design suggestions for using conifers in the garden and woody plants as structural elements. Guest speakers include: **Dorothy Callaway,** garden writer from Coolidge, GA; **Paul Cappiello,** horticultural director of Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest in Clermont, KY; **Gary Koller,** horticultural consultant from the Arnold Aboretum of Harvard University; **Todd Lasseigne** of North Carolina State University; and **R. William Thomas,** education division manager at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA.

This conference is jointly sponsored by Longwood Gardens, Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and Tyler Arboretum.

For more information or to receive a brochure, please call **Betsy Gullan (215) 988-8778.**

Mark Your Calendar! *Garden Visits Begin in May*

Take advantage of one of the most popular benefits of PHS membership when generous owners open their gardens to PHS members on Sunday afternoons in May and June. Garden Visits coordinator **Nancy Greenwood** has arranged three outstanding tours for 1998: **May 10 in Wilmington and Northern Delaware; May 31 in Mt. Airy, Chestnut Hill, and Wyndmoor; and June 28 in Bucks County.**

May 10: Wilmington and Northern Delaware

Sunday, 12:30pm - 5:00pm

The six private gardens open for our tour in northern Delaware include suburban gardens and country estates, intimate terraces, garden rooms and grand vistas. Small and large ponds enhance the settings; around their edges thrives a variety of moisture-loving plants.

Mid-season azaleas and rhododendrons will be in bloom, along with dogwoods and other ornamental trees and shrubs. In one garden, a hosta collection displayed in containers, as well as in garden beds, provides a special highlight.

May 31: Mt. Airy, Chestnut Hill, and Wyndmoor

Sunday, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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ACTIVITIES

Tips for Making Reservations

Reservations, required for all members' programs, must be made through the reservation form in the **PHS *News*. A description of each program appears in two consecutive issues of the PHS *News*; i.e., an April event will be listed in March and April.**

Sign up early! Many of the members' activities have limited registration and fill quickly.

The fee for PHS field trips, unless otherwise noted, includes bus transportation, all entrance and guide fees, lunch, light refreshements on the bus and gratuities. Buses leave from the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and Center City, Phila. Final itinerary and departure information will be mailed 10 days before the trip. Please call **Sally Kutyla** at **(215) 988-8775** if you need more information.

Spring Walk: Crozer Arboretum

Tuesday, May 5, 10:00 - Noon
Upland, Pa.

Arboretum director **Harry Foulke** will lead our tour through the grounds. Giant historic trees dating from the 1800's and native plants line the nature trail along Chester Creek. Plant collections include hollies, bog plants, and ornamental grasses. The azaleas and rhododendrons, which number over a thousand plants, are the blooming highlight of early May.

Judy Garraty, greenhouse manager, will guide us through the greenhouses, which supply indoor plants for the hospital and annuals and perennials for the grounds. Members must provide their own transportation.

Fee: members $12; guests $15.

NEWS BRIEF

Get Free Tickets to the 1998 Bell *Atlantic Classic Golf Tournament*

PHS members are invited to be the guests of **Cadillac** at the **1998 Bell Atlantic Classic Golf Tournament.** This is the 14th year for the senior Professional Golfers of America (PGA) to visit the greater Philadelphia area. Defending 1997 champion Bob Eastwood will return along with expected appearances from past winners Lee Trevino, Jim Colbert, Dale Douglas, Chi Chi Rodriguez and Bob Charles.

The event will be held from **May 22 - 24 at Hartefeld National Golf Club in Avondale, Pa**. Members need only visit a local Cadillac to receive two free passes good for any day of the tournament. Call 1-800-333-4CAD for the Cadillac dealership nearest to you.

Field Trip: Day in Chestertown

Wednesday, May 6, 7:15am - 6:30pm

In the morning we'll tour three historic in-town homes and gardens. After lunch at a private residence, we'll see English style garden rooms surrounding a 19th century cottage and a waterfront estate with an historic house and garden dating from 1740. **Marnie Flook**, longtime PHS member and Chestertown resident, will be our Chestertown guide.

Fee of $54 for members and $59 for guests includes bus transportation, refreshments on the bus, lunch, and entrance fees. Please indicate choice of pick-up location on reservation form: Horticulture Center or Center City.

Spring Walk: Pink Hill Tyler Arboretum

Friday, May 8, 10:00 - Noon
Media, Pa.

Pink Hill is Tyler Arboretum's serpentine barren, so named for the pink flowers of *Phlox subulata* that carpet the hillside in early May. We'll meet at the education center and shuttle by van the mile to the trail entrance, where Arboretum director **Rick Colbert** will lead PHS members on a short hike to Pink Hill. Following the walk, members may explore other areas of the Arboretum including the lilac collection and the recently renovated native woodland walk. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $13; guests $16.

A Study in Contrasts - A Visit to Two Japanese Gardens

Saturday, May 9, 10:00 -2:15pm
Bala Cynwyd and Fairmount Park
Philadelphia, Pa.

In 1994 **Jack C. Miller**, known for his moss garden in Collegeville, was commissioned to redesign the Japanese garden at the **Pagoda**, a 30-year-old office building in Bala Cynwyd. Jack will lead a tour of the garden and discuss the challenges of creating a Zen urban garden.

We'll proceed from the Pagoda to **Pine Breeze Villa**, the Japanese house and garden in nearby Fairmount Park.**Ann McPhail**, garden manager, will explain the elements of the garden and current efforts to restore, maintain and preserve this historic complex.

Members must provide their own transportation. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Program limit: 25.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

At Home: A Woodland Garden in Spring

Wednesday, May 13, 10:00 - Noon
Rydal, Pa.

Lucille Roland will guide us through her garden, where flowering trees, azaleas, and rhododendrons provide a backdrop for uncommon wildflowers and shade-loving perennials.

In sunnier spots in the garden, we will see a collection of dwarf conifers and a perennial border planted for a long season of interest. For our early May visit, tree peonies and tulips should be in bloom. Program limit:15.

Fee: members $13; guests $16.

Field Trip: Sculpture in the Garden

Kykuit and the Donald M. Kendall Sculpture Garden at PepsiCo
Wednesday, May 20, 6:30am - 7:45pm

We'll travel to **Kykuit**, the Rockefeller estate overlooking the Hudson, for the sculpture and garden tour. This tour includes areas of the garden not included on the house and garden tour.

After lunch in Tarrytown, we'll proceed to **the Donald M. Kendall Sculpture Gardens at PepsiCo's** world headquarters in Purchase, NY. This strolling garden on 168 acres features the landscape designs of E. Durell Stone, Russell Page, and François Goffinet. **Peter Atkins**, PepsiCo's former botanical curator, will be our guide.

In the course of our day, members will see works by Pablo Picasso, Auguste Rodin, Isamu Noguchi, Alexander Calder, Louise Nevelson, Aristide

Maillol, David Wynne, Joan Miró, and many others.

Fee of $84 for members and $89 for guests includes bus transportation, all entrance and guide fees, refreshments on the bus, lunch, and gratuities. Please indicate choice of pick-up location on the reservation form: Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park or Center City. **Please register early; all reservations must be received by April 29.**

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Thursday, May 28, 7:15am - 7:00pm

Our first stop in Upper Montclair will be the **Presby Memorial Iris Gardens**. Named for Frank Presby, one of the founders of the American Iris Society, these gardens contain over 4,000 varieties of iris.

We'll have a box lunch at the recently restored residence of the **Van Vleck House and Gardens**. This historic property, dating from 1916, includes hundreds of rhododendron, azaleas, Chinese wisteria, and magnolias.

From Montclair, we'll proceed to the **Leonard J. Buck Garden** in Far Hills. This mature garden consists of a series of alpine and woodland gardens situated in a wooded stream valley. Before starting home, we'll visit a private country garden in Chester, NJ.

Fee of $64 for members and $69 for guests includes bus transportation, all entrance and guide fees, refreshments on the bus, and lunch. Please indicate your choice of pick-up location on the reservation form: Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park or Center City. Information about bus departures will be mailed in mid-May.

13th Annual Late Afternoon Garden Tour and Reception

Tuesday, June 9, 5:00 - 7:00pm
Meadowbrook Farm
Meadowbrook, Pa.

Distinguished horticulturist **J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.** will host members of the Society for a leisurely early evening visit. We will tour the house and landscape famous for its garden rooms, topiaries, terraces, statuary, espaliers and gazebos. Tour the house and garden at your own pace while enjoying musical entertainment provided by harpist Cheryl Cunningham.

The commercial nursery and greenhouse will be open, as well as the display gardens featuring herbs, perennials and ornamental grasses. Light refreshments will be served. This is a rain or shine event.

Fee: members $16; guests $20

At Home: Landscaping with Hostas

Wednesday, June 10, 12:30 - 2:30pm
West Chester, Pa.

Though **Inta Krombolz's** passion for collecting plants isn't limited to hostas, they are some of her favorites. Throughout her gardens, hostas play many roles: as borders framing perennial beds, as sweeping statements of colorful foliage and texture, or as subtle complements to delicate woodland plantings. Dozens of varieties of hostas are featured, many of which Inta has propagated herself.

Inta will lead us on a tour of her garden and discuss her style of presenting plant collections in a landscape setting. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Workshop: Growing for the Harvest Show, Part I

Wednesday, June 10, 6:00 - 7:30pm
"The Spring Garden"
Philadelphia, Pa.

Doris Stahl, advisor from the Penn State Urban Gardening Program staff, will present a program designed to encourage gardeners to grow vegetables and flowers for the Harvest Show. Here's an opportunity to learn how to grow prize-winning entries from previous winners. Part I of this program will include the planting of a test plot. Part II will be a follow-up harvest workshop on September 14 - just in time for the Harvest Show.

Members and guests are invited to attend free of charge, but pre-registration is required. The Spring Garden is several blocks north of the Ben Franklin Parkway at 18th and Wallace. Travel directions will be mailed 10 days before the program.

An Afternoon of Herbs

Thursday, June 11, 10:30 - 2:00pm
Triple Oaks Nursery and Herb Garden, Franklinville, NJ

PHS members will gather at Triple Oaks Nursery and Herb Garden for a garden tour, herb workshop, and luncheon. **Lorraine Kiefer**, co-owner of Triple Oaks, will lead us through the herb and kitchen gardens and discuss the history and uses of fragrant and flavorful herbs. Lorraine specializes in growing, researching, and writing about herbs.

In the workshop, each participant will make herb-flavored vinegar to take home. Our visit will be capped by a hearty homemade luncheon featuring herbs.

Members must provide their own transportation. Franklinville is about 40 minutes from the Ben Franklin Bridge. Fee of $34 for members and $37 for guests includes tour, workshop, and luncheon. Please sign up early; all registrations must be received by June 5th.

Field Trip: New Jersey Shore Gardens

Thursday, June 18, 8:00am - 5:00pm

We'll visit five shore gardens in Avalon, Cape May, and Stone Harbor. From naturalistic plantings of hardy roses and ornamental grasses to container gardening, each of these gardens has met the challenges of gardening by the sea.

Two of these gardens have been featured in *Green Scene*. A special part of the day will be having lunch in one of these seaside gardens. Program Limit: 28.

Fee: members $55; guests $60.

At Home: A Visit to Lavender Hedge

Tuesday, June 23, Noon - 2:00pm
Plymouth Township, Pa.

Mary Vogel is in love with lavender. In fact, her garden is planted primarily with different types of lavender, which she uses for fragrant pillows, scented hair rinses, woven lavender wands, and other craft projects.

Mary will lead us on a tour of her garden, discuss the history and uses of lavender, and offer tips on growing and harvesting it. She will demonstrate how to make a lavender wand, and each participant will have the opportunity to make one to take home.

Please bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy in the garden; tea punch will be provided. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

At Home: An Urban Oasis

Tuesday, June 23, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Philadelphia, Pa.

Michael LoFurno and **Stephen Maciejewski** combined their skills to turn an abandoned city lot into an oasis for birds, butterflies, and other visitors. Recently joined in this effort by **Michael Thompson**, the three neighbors garden in this "multi-room" environment with serpentine trails, raised beds, and sun-filled patios. Woodland plants, perennial wildflowers, fruit-bearing trees, shrubs, and vines combine to create this garden, which has won first prize in the City Gardens Contest three times.

This garden was featured in an article by Michael LoFurno: "On the Wild Side: A Private City Garden," *Green Scene,* May 1997. Travel directions will be mailed ten days before the program. Program limit: 18.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Workshop: Herb Container Garden

Thursday, June 25, 10:00am - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, Pa.

You don't need a big garden to successfully grow and harvest herbs. In this workshop led by **Nanci Walsh**, retail manager of Meadowbrook Farm, you'll learn tips on growing herbs in containers.

Nanci will provide an overview of the lore, history and many uses of herbs, including fragrance, cooking, and decorative purposes. Each participant will plant a clay strawberry jar with a variety of herbs to take home. All materials will be provided. Program limit: 20

Fee: members $39; guests $44.

Uncommon Perennials

Saturday, June 27, 9:30 - 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, Pa.

Join Chanticleer horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** for a program on unusual, uncommon, and rare perennials. In this walk through the estate of Chanticleer we'll see perennials with colorful foliage, architectural forms, and interesting flowers. Dan will discuss the cultural requirements, care, landscape uses, and sources for these plants. Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Workshop: Azalea to Zelkova - Pruning Trees and Shrubs

Tuesday, June 30, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, Pa.

Ted Zoltowski, horticulturist at Meadowbrook Farm, will conduct a workshop on practical pruning for the home landscape. Learn basic techniques and tips for naturalistic pruning of trees and shrubs and formal pruning of hedges, espaliered plants, and topiaries grown in the landscape. Ted will discuss how to reshape and rejuvenate overgrown plants and offer suggestions for continued maintenance. Program limit: 18.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Container Gardening

Wednesday, July 8, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, Pa.

Container gardening at Chanticleer goes beyond the ordinary, mingling annuals and perennials, tropical and subtropical plants, in vibrant and ingenious combinations. Horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** will discuss how to create colorful container gardens and offer suggestions for interesting plant combinations. He will also discuss cultural concerns such as soil mixes, watering, and fertilization. Program limit: 25.

Fee: members $15; guests $ 18.

At Home: Late Afternoon Light in the Mid-Summer Garden

Tuesday, July 14, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Longview Farm, Malvern, Pa.

In the heat of mid-summer, late afternoon and early evening are pleasant times to be in the garden. The glare of the midday sun has moved on, and the garden's colors are softened by a gentler light and the evening's approaching shadows.

Joanna Reed will lead us on a tour of her garden and discuss its mid-summer projects, pleasures, and challenges. Participants are welcome to bring a picnic supper and dine in the barnyard before the program. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $15; guests $18

At Home: Daylilies in Bloom

Thursday, July 16, 10:00 - Noon
North Coventry Township, Pa.

Karen and **Tom Stoeri's** mixed perennial garden was started from scratch in 1978 and focused primarily on Tom's daylily hybridizing. Today it is home to over 200 daylily hybrids from many of the top hybridizers as well as the Stoeri's own hybrids. Companion plants, perennials, and small trees have been added to create a 1.5 acre garden which blooms most of the summer.

Karen and Tom will lead us through their garden, point out favorite plants, and discuss daylily culture. Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

At Home: Up on the Roof

Wednesday, July 22, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Philadelphia, Pa.

Tiger lilies, gill-over-the-ground, wisteria, and a sometimes-blooming frangipani flourish in the Center City roof-top garden of **C'Anne Anderson** and **Michael Condax**. Their movable gardenscape above a modular deck is grown in containers ranging from old florescent fixtures and drywall cement buckets to hypertufa and terra-cotta pots.

C'Anne and Michael will discuss their solutions to the challenges of creating and maintaining a roof-top garden in Center City. This garden has been a City Gardens Contest award winner twice in recent years. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Workshop: Arranging from the Garden

Saturday, July 25, 9:30 - 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, Pa.

Lisa Crock, horticulturist at Chanticleer, will lead an arranging workshop designed for gardeners. Lisa will demonstrate design basics and show how to incorporate interesting elements from the garden such as twigs, moss, and branches. She'll also offer tips on cutting and conditioning garden flowers.

Participants will gather flowers and foliage from the garden and create an arrangement to take home. Please bring clippers and a container approximately six inches high with an opening no larger than three inches in diameter. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $20; guests $23.

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The *Landscape Design Consultant List* is now available in The McLean Library. This handout features almost 100 area landscape consultants. The list is arranged by state, and then alphabetically by name of firm. Each entry also includes address, telephone number and descriptions of services offered. If you would like a copy of this listing, please call 215-988-8800, or e-mail: jalling@pennhort.org

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The McLean Library currently receives over 200 horticultural periodicals and journals. Many are the popular gardening titles such as *Garden Design, Horticulture, Landscape Architecture*, and *Organic Gardening*. Others are publications of various plant societies such as the African Violet Society, the American Daffodil Society, the American Orchid Society, and the North American Rock Garden Society. Publications on specialized subjects include *Garden History*, *The IPM Practioner*, and *Seed World*. Here is a list of periodicals that the Library has recently subscribed to:

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Country Living Gardener **(bimonthly)**
The English Garden **(bimonthly; published in England)**
Gardens Illustrated **(bimonthly; published in England)**
Kitchen Garden **(bimonthly)**
Journal of Japanese Gardening **(bimonthly)**
Traditional Gardening **(quarterly)**
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❑***Spring Walk: Crozer Arboretum Upland, Pa.***
5/5/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members $12_____Guests $15_____

❑***Field Trip: Chestertown, Md.***
5/6/98, 7:15am - 6:30pm
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Horticulture Center____or Center City____

❑***Spring Walk: Tyler Arboretum***
Media, Pa.
5/8/98, 10:00am - Noon
Members $13_____Guests $16_____

❑***Japanese Gardens Visit***
Philadelphia, Pa.
5/9/98, 10:00am - 2:15pm
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***At Home: Woodland Garden***
Rydal, Pa.
5/13/98, 10:00am - Noon
Members $13_____Guests $16_____

❑***Field Trip: Kykuit and PepsiCo***
Tarrytown and Purchase, NY
5/20/98, 6:30am - 7:45pm
Members $84_____Guests $89_____
Pick-up location:
Horticulture Center___or Center City____

❑***Field Trip: Northern New Jersey***
5/28/98, 7:15am - 7:00pm
Members $64_____Guests$69_____
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Horticulture Center___or Center City____

❑***Meadowbrook Farm Tour and Reception Meadowbrook, Pa.***
6/9/98, 5:00 - 7:00pm
Members $16_____Guests $20_____

❑***At Home: Landscaping with Hostas West Chester, Pa.***
6/10/98, 12:30 - 2:30pm
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***Workshop: Growing for the Harvest Show "The Spring Garden"***
Philadelphia, Pa.
6/10/98, 6:00 - 7:30pm
Number attending_____

❑***An Afternoon of Herbs***
Franklinville, NJ
6/11/98, 10:30 - 2:00pm
Members $34_____Guests $37_____

❑***Field Trip: Shore Gardens***
6/18/98, 8:00am - 5:00pm
Members $55_____Guests $60_____
Pick-up location:
Hort. Center_____Center City_____

❑***At Home: Lavender Hedge Plymouth Township, Pa.***
6/23/98, Noon - 2:00pm
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***At Home: Urban Oasis***
Philadelphia, Pa.
6/23/98, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***Workshop: Herb Container Garden Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, Pa.***
6/25/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members $39 _____Guests $44 _____

❑***Chanticleer: Uncommon Perennials Wayne, Pa.***
6/27/98, 9:30 - 11:30pm
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❑***Workshop: Pruning***
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook,Pa.
6/30/98, 10:00am - Noon
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❑***Chanticleer: Container Gardening Wayne, Pa.***
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❑***At Home: Late Afternoon Light Longview Farm, Malvern, Pa.***
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❑***At Home: Daylilies North Coventry Township, Pa.***
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❑***At Home: Up On the Roof Philadelphia, Pa.***
7/22/98, 6:00 - 8:00pm
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❑***Chanticleer Workshop: Arranging From the Garden Wayne, Pa.***
7/25/98, 9:30 -11:30am
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Garden Visits

❑*Wilmington and Northern Delaware*
5/10/98, Sunday 12:30 - 5:00pm
Members $5_____Guests $10_____
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❑*Mt. Airy, Chestnut Hill, and Wyndmoor*
5/31/98, Sunday 1:00 - 5:00pm
Members $5_____Guests $10_____
Children under 12 $2.00_____

❑*Bucks County*
6/28/98, Sunday 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Members $5_____Guests $10_____
Children under 12 $2_____

❑***Christopher Lloyd, Special Event***
5/13/98. Wednesday 7:30pm
Members: $20_____Guests$25_____

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Correction: The 1998 Flower Show Horticultural Sweepstakes Runner-up was incorrectly reported. The final results showed the actual Horticultural Runner-up to be **Ray Rogers**.

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Special Event, Christopher Lloyd Wednesday, May 13, 7:30pm

The Hardy Plant Society Mid-Atlantic Group, the **Pennsylvania Horticultural Society**, and the **Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College** invite you to "Bold, Beautiful Gardens", a special lecture by the world-renowned gardener **Christopher Lloyd**, Wednesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m., Lang Performing Arts Center, Swarthmore College. A dessert reception will follow the lecture.

Lloyd is an opinionated gardener who combines a passionate love for plants with a critical intelligence in discussing them. He has made his life and his garden at Great Dixter, a medieval manor in East Sussex, England. His garden, overflowing with a wealth of plants, contains masterful plantings that are intensive, adventurous and colorful. His long border, the centerpiece of Great Dixter, delights visitors from spring through late fall with its rich and ever-evolving plantings.

Lloyd has contributed weekly articles to *Country Life* since 1963, and is the author of many books including: *Clematis, The Mixed Border, Foliage Plants, The Well Tempered Gardener, In My Garden* and, most recently, *Gardener Cook.*

This is the only lecture Lloyd will be giving in the Philadelphia area in 1998. Please register on the reservation form, page 7. You may also register with Visa or MasterCard payment either by phone (215) 988-8776; by fax (215) 988-8783; or by email to ldavis@pennhort.org

Fee:$20 for members of HPS, Scott and PHS; $25 for non-members.

The Hotline....

A caller asks: How far apart should annuals be planted?

Whether you are starting your own plants from seed, or buying seedlings at a local garden center, height and plant spread are the determining factors in spacing plants in the garden. This information is printed on the seed packet or on the plant label.

Plants with a 12-inch spread should be planted 12 inches apart. If you are mixing different species, one with a 12-inch spread and one with an 18-inch spread, split the difference and plant them 15 inches apart.

Taller plants placed behind shorter ones provide a more pleasing visual effect and will not block sunlight for the smaller plants. Staggered rows are also a good strategy for an informal garden plan.

Adequate spacing will provide good air circulation and help prevent many fungal diseases. Healthy plants will grow better and fill in the spaces between plants quickly. Plan your garden on paper and mark the soil with a little bone meal, so you don't have to guess which plant goes where.

PHS's Horticultural Hotline is open Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 12 noon. Phone: 215-988-8777; Fax: 215-988-8783; E-mail: jevansepennhort.org

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PHS Awarded $450,000 Grant by The William Penn Foundation

The William Penn Foundation has awarded the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Philadelphia Green a $450,000 grant to develop a Vacant Land Re-use Study and Action Plan.

Abandoned, vacant lots are a grave matter in Philadelphia. Their presence negatively affects the City's economy, the quality of life and overall aesthetics of our neighborhoods. Despite the hundreds of successful community green spaces throughout the City, the rapidly growing amount of vacant land threatens to overwhelm efforts to revitalize these communities. To date, no cohesive policies or procedures exist to deal with Philadelphia's vacant land on a citywide level.

Philadelphia Green plans to work with the City, neighborhood organizations, and other non-profits to investigate options for addressing the problem in the future.

Our partners in this work include the **City Planning Commission**, the **City's Office of Housing** and **Community Development (OHCD)**, City Council Representative **Happy Fernandez**, and the **Pennsylvania Environmental Council's GreenSpace Alliance.**

What the Study and Action Plan Will Accomplish

The impetus for this grant began in 1995 when two studies were produced focusing on the vacant land issue: *Urban Vacant Land: Issues and Recommendations*, produced by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and *Vacant Land in Philadelphia*, produced by the City Planning Commission. In 1996, OHCD produced *Vacant Property Prescriptions: A Reinvestment Strategy,* which also addressed the growing concern of vacant land.

Philadelphia Green will evaluate ten neighborhoods in lower North Philadelphia, between Broad Street and the Delaware River and from Spring Garden Street to Lehigh Avenue. We will look at what actions, roles and resources are necessary for neighborhoods to manage vacant land. The plan will recommend strategies and procedures for Philadelphia's city government to address the critical issue of vacant land.

Since 1995, Philadelphia Green has been testing the model for neighborhood vacant land management first proposed in PHS's study. The model has been applied to the New Kensington community in North Philadelphia through a grant from OHCD; its success informed our proposal to The William Penn Foundation for the current grant.

Special Bulb Classes Announced for the 1999 Philadelphia Flower Show

Named Bulbs

Narcissus 'Quince' - grown and shown in a 6" bulb pan or azalea pot.
Narcissus 'Avalon' - grown and shown in an 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.
Tulipa 'Barcelona' - grown and shown in an 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.
Hyacinthus 'Blue Jacket' - grown and shown in an 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.

Bulb Challenge Class

Any two tulip cultivars (one solid color, one bicolor), except 'Barcelona', in an 8" bulb pan or azalea pot. **Must** be grown and shown in the same pot.

Look for more information and an entry form in the 1999 Philadelphia Flower Show *Exhibitor's Guide*. The guide will be mailed to PHS members in early fall; it's available to non-members by request.

Philadelphia Flower Show Poster For Sale

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is offering a commemorative 1998 Philadelphia Flower Show poster with the colorful windowbox artwork of ***La Passion du Jardin.***

The 18" X 24" poster is a wonderful gift for friends and family.

Cost: $6.00. (includes S&H)

To order, please call (215) 988-8837.

NEWS BRIEF

Your PHS Membership Can Treat You to Benefits Beyond PHS

Your PHS membership card opens doors in many ways. For example, **Chanticleer**, a beautiful pleasure garden in Wayne, PA, offers free admission to PHS members who present their membership cards at the entrance.

Our newest addition to the list of generous merchants who offer a discount to PHS members is **Yard Co.**, 8430 Germantown Avenue, Chestnut Hill, who offer a 10% discount on selected merchandise, excluding books.

Other benefits for members include:

• **Primex Garden Center** in Glenside: 10% discount on regular-priced merchandise.

• **Smith and Hawken, Rosemont**: 10% discount on all merchandise in the store; does not apply to catalog sales.

• **Academy Shop**, Academy of Natural Sciences: 10% discount.

In each case, please present your membership card before the sales person rings up the sale.

Save the Date -

Regional Urban Greening Forum To Be Held at Pennsylvania Convention Center, Friday, November 6, 1998

With funding provided by **The Pew Charitable Trusts**, PHS is coordinating an all-day event dedicated to urban greening in cities and suburbs. Topics will include food production in urban areas; trees in urban areas; town squares & parks; corridors, main streets and gateways; youth programs and more. Projects in Philadelphia, PA, Trenton, NJ and Wilmington, DE will be highlighted.

To receive a brochure, or if you have suggestions for the day, please contact **Patricia Schrieber** at PHS: **(215) 988-8841 or email pschrieb@pennhort.org**

ACTIVITIES

Tips for Making Reservations

Reservations, required for all members' programs, can be made through the reservation form in the **PHS *News*.** To pay by credit card, please call **Linda Davis, (215) 988-8776** or email, **ldavis@pennhort.org. A description of each program appears in two consecutive issues of the PHS *News*; i.e., an April event will be listed in March and April. Sign up early!** Many of the members' activities have limited registration and fill quickly.

The fee for PHS field trips, unless otherwise noted, includes bus transportation, all entrance and guide fees, lunch, light refreshements on the bus and gratuities. Buses leave from the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and Center City, Phila. Final itinerary and departure information will be mailed 10 days before the trip. Please call **Sally Kutyla**, **(215) 988-8775** if you need more information.

13th Annual Late Afternoon Garden Tour and Reception

Tuesday, June 9, 5:00 - 7:00pm
Meadowbrook Farm
Meadowbrook, PA

Distinguished horticulturist **J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.** will host members of the Society for a leisurely early evening visit. We will tour the house and garden famous for its garden rooms, topiaries, terraces, statuary, espaliers and gazebos.

The commercial nursery and greenhouse will be open, as well as the display gardens featuring herbs, perennials and ornamental grasses. Light refreshments will be served. Rain or shine event.

Fee: members $16; guests $20.

At Home: Landscaping with Hostas

Wednesday, June 10, 12:30 - 2:30pm
West Chester, PA

Throughout **Inta Krombolz's** gardens, hostas play many roles: as borders framing perennial beds, as sweeping statements of colorful foliage and texture, or as subtle complements to delicate woodland plantings.

Inta will lead us on a tour of her garden and discuss her style of integrating plant collections in a landscape setting. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Workshop: Growing for the Harvest Show, Part I

Wednesday, June 10, 6:00 - 7:30pm
"The Spring Garden"Phila., PA

Doris Stahl, advisor from the Penn State Urban Gardening Program staff, will present a program designed to encourage gardeners to grow vegetables and flowers for the Harvest Show. Part I of this program will include planting a test plot. Part II will be a follow-up harvest workshop on September 14 - just in time for the Harvest Show.

Members and guests are invited to attend free of charge; pre-registration is required. The Spring Garden at 18th and Wallace is several blocks north of the Ben Franklin Parkway . Travel directions will be mailed 10 days before the program.

An Afternoon of Herbs

Thursday, June 11, 10:30 - 2:00pm
Triple Oaks Nursery and Herb Garden, Franklinville, NJ

We'll gather at Triple Oaks Nursery and Herb Garden for a garden tour, herb workshop, and luncheon. **Lorraine Kiefer**, co-owner of Triple Oaks, will lead us through the herb and kitchen gardens and discuss the history and uses of fragrant and flavorful herbs. In the workshop, each participant will make herb-flavored vinegar to take home.

Members must provide their own transportation. Franklinville is about 40 minutes from the Ben Franklin Bridge. Fee of $34 for members and $37 for guests includes tour, workshop, and luncheon. **Please sign up early; all registrations must be received by June 5th.**

Field Trip: New Jersey Shore Gardens

Thursday, June 18, 8:00am - 5:00pm

We'll visit five shore gardens in Avalon, Cape May, and Stone Harbor. From naturalistic plantings of hardy roses and

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ornamental grasses to container gardening, each of these gardens has met the challenges of gardening by the sea.

Two gardens have been featured in *Green Scene*. We will also lunch in one of these seaside gardens. Program Limit: 28.

Fee: members $55; guests $60.

At Home: A Visit to Lavender Hedge

Tuesday, June 23, Noon - 2:00pm
Plymouth Township, PA

Mary Vogel is in love with lavender. In fact, her garden is planted primarily with different types of lavender, which she uses for fragrant pillows, scented hair rinses, woven lavender wands, and other craft projects.

Mary will lead us on a tour of her garden, discuss the history and uses of lavender, and offer tips on growing and harvesting it. She will demonstrate how to make a lavender wand, and each participant will make one to take home.

Please bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy in the garden; tea punch will be provided. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

At Home: An Urban Oasis

Tuesday, June 23, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Philadelphia, PA

Michael LoFurno and **Stephen Maciejewski** combined their skills to turn an abandoned city lot into an oasis for birds, butterflies, and other visitors. Recently joined in this effort by **Michael Thompson**, the three neighbors garden in a "multi-room" environment with serpentine trails, raised beds, and sun-filled patios. Woodland plants, perennial wildflowers, fruit-bearing trees, shrubs, and vines combine to create this garden, which has won first prize in the City Gardens Contest three times.

The garden was featured in an article by Michael LoFurno: "On the Wild Side: A Private City Garden," *Green Scene,* May 1997. Travel directions will be mailed ten days before the program. Program limit: 18.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Workshop: Herb Container Garden

Thursday, June 25, 10:00am - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

You don't need a big garden to successfully grow and harvest herbs. In this workshop led by **Nanci Walsh**, retail manager of Meadowbrook Farm, you'll learn tips on growing herbs in containers.

Nanci will provide an overview of the lore, history and many uses of herbs, including fragrance, cooking, and decorative purposes. Each participant will plant a clay strawberry jar with a variety of herbs to take home. All materials will be provided. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $39; guests $44.

Uncommon Perennials

Saturday, June 27, 9:30 - 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Join Chanticleer horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** for a program on unusual, uncommon, and rare perennials. In this walk through the estate of Chanticleer we'll see perennials with colorful foliage, architectural forms, and interesting flowers. Dan will discuss the cultural requirements, care, landscape uses, and sources for these plants.
Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Workshop: Azalea to Zelkova - Pruning Trees and Shrubs

Tuesday, June 30, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Ted Zoltowski, horticulturist at Meadowbrook Farm, will conduct a workshop on practical pruning for the home landscape. Learn basic techniques and tips for naturalistic pruning of trees and shrubs and formal pruning of hedges, espaliered plants, and topiaries grown in the landscape. Ted will discuss how to reshape and rejuvenate overgrown plants and offer suggestions for continued maintenance. Program limit: 18.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Container Gardening

Wednesday, July 8, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Container gardening at Chanticleer goes beyond the ordinary, mingling annuals and perennials, tropical and subtropical plants, in vibrant and ingenious combinations. Horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** will discuss how to create colorful container gardens and offer suggestions for interesting plant combinations. He will also discuss cultural concerns such as soil mixes, watering, and fertilization.

Program limit: 25.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

At Home: Late Afternoon Light in the Mid-Summer Garden

Tuesday, July 14, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Longview Farm, Malvern, PA

In the heat of mid-summer, late afternoon and early evening are pleasant times to be in the garden. The glare of the midday sun has moved on, and the garden's colors are softened by a gentler light and the evening's approaching shadows.

Joanna Reed will lead us on a tour of her garden and discuss her mid-summer projects, pleasures, and challenges. Participants are welcome to bring a picnic supper and dine in the barnyard before the program. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

At Home: Daylilies in Bloom

Thursday, July 16, 10:00 - Noon
North Coventry Township, PA

Karen and **Tom Stoeri's** mixed perennial garden was started from scratch in 1978 and focused primarily on Tom's daylily hybridizing. Today it's home to more than 200 daylily hybrids from many of the top hybridizers as well as the Stoeri's own hybrids. Companion plants, perennials, and small trees have been added to create a 1.5 acre garden that blooms most of the summer.

Karen and Tom will lead us through their garden, point out favorite plants, and discuss daylily culture. Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

At Home: Up on the Roof

Wednesday, July 22, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Philadelphia, PA

Tiger lilies, gill-over-the-ground, wisteria, and a sometimes-blooming frangipani flourish in the Center City roof-top garden of **C'Anne Anderson** and **Michael Condax**. Their movable gardenscape above a modular deck is grown in containers ranging from old fluorescent fixtures and drywall cement buckets to hypertufa and terra-cotta pots.

C'Anne and Michael will discuss their solutions to the challenges of creating and maintaining a rooftop garden in Center City. This garden has been a City

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Center City. This garden has been a City Gardens Contest award winner twice in recent years. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $15; guests $18.

Workshop: Arranging from the Garden

Saturday, July 25, 9:30 - 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Lisa Crock, horticulturist at Chanticleer, will lead an arranging workshop designed for gardeners. Lisa will demonstrate design basics and show how to incorporate interesting elements from the garden such as twigs, moss, and branches. She'll also offer tips on cutting and conditioning garden flowers.

Participants will gather flowers and foliage from the garden and create an arrangement to take home. Please bring clippers and a container approximately six inches high with an opening no larger than three inches in diameter. Program limit: 20.

Fee: members $20; guests $23.

Evening Garden Walk

Wednesday, August 12, 6:00 – 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

PHS members will have a special opportunity to join Chanticleer executive director **Chris Woods** for an early evening walk through the estate of Chanticleer. This "pleasure garden" in Wayne, known for its adventurous approach to the art of horticulture, features complex plantings of annuals, perennials, vines, tropical plants, trees and shrubs.

Chris will discuss how singular plants, plant combinations, and creative design are used to bring interest and rich texture to the garden. He'll also suggest worthy plants that merit greater use in the landscape. Program Limit: 24.

Members only. Fee: $15.

Plants for the Pond's Edge

Saturday, August 22, 9:30 – 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Joe Henderson, horticulturist at Chanticleer, will devote this program to plants that like "wet feet." We'll tour the pond area and walk the path along the stream to learn about marginal plants that tolerate wet conditions and aquatic plants, such as waterlilies, which must be completely submerged to thrive. Joe will discuss ways to use moisture-loving plants to soften the pond's edge and incorporate the pond into the surrounding landscape. Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $15; non-members $18.

Volunteer at the 1998 Philadelphia Harvest Show

Did You Know? . . . Harvest Trivia- Saturday and Sunday, September 19 - 20

The Horticulture Center, Fairmount Park

We need your help as an Entry, Information, Setup, or Youth Section Aide to make the 1998 Philadelphia Harvest Show another wonderful Show. If you'd like to work behind the scenes this year and have time available beginning Wednesday, Sept. 16 through Sunday, Sept. 20, please use this form to tell us where and when you would like to help. Send it to PHS, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495, Attn: **Ann Domalevicz**.

Setup

Wednesday, September 16
9:00am - Noon _____
1:00 - 4:00pm _____

Thursday, September 17
9:00am - Noon _____
1:00 - 4:00pm _____

Horticulture Information Booth

Friday, September 18
4:00 - 7:00pm _____

Saturday, September 19
10:00 - Noon _____
Noon - 2:00pm _____
2:00-5:00pm _____

Sunday, September 20
10:00am - Noon _____
Noon - 2:00pm _____
2:00 - 5:00pm _____

Entry Aides

Thursday, September 17
3:15 - 7:00pm _____

Friday, September 18
7:15 - 10:00am _____

Information Aides

Friday, September 18
3:30 - 5:30pm _____
5:15 - 7:15pm _____

Saturday, September 19
9:30am - Noon _____
Noon - 2:30pm _____
2:30 - 5:00pm _____

Sunday, September 20
9:30am - Noon _____
Noon - 2:30pm _____
2:30 - 5:00pm _____

Youth Section Aides

Entries & Staging
Thursday, September 17
2:00 - 4:30pm _____
4:30 - 7:00pm _____

Friday, September 18
7:30 - 10:30am _____
4:00 - 7:00pm _____

Saturday, September 19
11:00 - 3:00pm _____

Sunday, September 20
11:00 - 3:00pm _____

Children's Activities: Pumpkin Painting and Games

Saturday, September 19
11:00am - 4:00pm _____

Sunday, September 20
11:00am - 4:00pm _____

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1998 Perennials Conference
Tuesday, October 13, 9am - 4pm
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

The **1998 Perennials Conference for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries** will feature horticultural experts who will discuss everything from garden design to outstanding plants available for the garden, superb garden maintenance, and elements of the small garden.

Guest speakers include **Tony Avent** of Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, NC; **Michael Bowell** of Flora Design Gallery in Kimberton, PA; **Tracy DiSabato-Aust** from Sunbury, Ohio; **Gordon Hayward**, Putney, VT; **Darrell Probst** from Hubbardston, MA; **Martha Simon Pindale** of Bluemont Nursery, Monkton, MD; and **Lauren Springer** from Masonville, CO.

The Promising Plant Forum, a popular segment of the program, will feature **Sylvia Cooperman, Joe Henderson, Mark Huber, Marian Martin, Nancy O'Donnell, Bob Scanzaroli, Diane Walden-Rapalyea,** and **Lenny Wilson.**

This annual conference is jointly sponsored by the **Hardy Plant Society, Longwood Gardens, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society,** and **Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College**.

To receive a brochure in late July, please check the reservation form, page 7, or call **Betsy Gullan** at **215-988-8778,** or email **bgullan@pennhort.org.** Those who attended the 1997 Perennials Conference will automatically receive a brochure.

Conference On Woody Plants for the Landscape & Garden Center Industries July 17, 1998, Swarthmore College

Circle your calendar for July 17, the 1998 Woody Plants conference. This full-day event showcases experts who will discuss many aspects of woody plants from new and underused, to their use as structural elements in the garden.

Guest speakers include **Dorothy Callaway**, Coolidge, GA; **Paul Cappiello**, Clermont, KY; **Gary Koller**, Boston, MA; **Todd Lasseigne**, Raleigh, NC; and **R. William Thomas**, Kennett Square, PA.

The first 300 registrants will receive a free Gold Medal Award winning plant. To receive a brochure, please call **Betsy Gullan, (215) 988-8778,** email **bgullan@pennhort.org** or check the reservation form, page 7.

Participate in June Garden Visit

Take advantage of the final garden visit in June in Bucks County. Thanks to Garden Visits coordinator **Nancy Greenwood** who arranged three outstanding tours for 1998.

June 28: Bucks County
Sunday, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Five country gardens from Wrightstown to Erwinna will be open to PHS members. Gardens range from informal farmhouse retreats to large estate gardens with magnificent vistas. Special features include spectacular perennial borders and food gardens with fruits and vegetables such as artichokes and celeriac.

Streams, pools, and ponds have been incorporated in a variety of ways. The personal gardens of several renowned designers will also be included, some of which have been featured in *Green Scene* and *Country Living*.

Members' Annual Plant Dividend and Book Sale
Friday, September 11, 10am - 7pm
Saturday, September 12, 9:30am - Noon

Circle your calendar for one of these early September dates to take advantage of the PHS Annual Plant Dividend and Library Book Sale.

We invite you to join fellow members to select a complimentary plant for each individual membership or three plants for all other memberships. This is a great chance to acquire that unusual, hard-to-find plant. In addition to a variety of favorite perennials, shrubs, and trees, the selection will include PHS Gold Medal Plant Award winners. Plants are available on a first-come, first-serve basis; sorry, we can't set aside plants or take telephone orders. We also invite you to browse through the Library's Annual Book Sale featuring new and used books and periodicals.

Many thanks to 1998 Plant Dividend co-chairs **Mary Ann Thomas** and **Lee Raden** for organizing this event and to the Members Committee for their hard work. Lists of donors and plants will be published in future issues of the *News*. All donors and Friends of the Library will be invited to a wine and cheese reception at PHS, Thursday, September 10, 5 - 7 pm. If you would like to help with the Dividend, please call **Betsy Gullan, 215-988-8778,** email **bgullan@pennhort.org** or check the appropriate box on the reservation form. If you would like to donate horticultural books for the Library Book Sale, please call the Library, **215-988-8772**.

Gifts to PHS in Memory of Family and Friends . .

A gift to PHS in honor or memory of a family member or friend is a wonderful way to celebrate life. Contributions provide a living gift: from plantings for the Azalea Garden and Ribbons of Gold to educational programs that introduce children and adults to the joys and rewards of gardening. **Unrestricted tribute gifts received by the Society from 4/29/97 to 4/30/98 include:**

In Memory of Susan Ackerman
Christopher A. Good

In Memory of Elizabeth Ann Smiley Borst
Henry V. Borst

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In Memory of Thomas Stagliano
Theresa Cicalo Speiss

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In Honor of Dora Rogers
National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Reservations

Fill out and mail this page to: **PHS Activities, attn: Linda Davis, 100 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495**
Please include full payment. Reservations may also be made by phone through Linda Davis at (215) 988-8776. Please have your Visa or Mastercard ready. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. ***Confirmations for all events will be mailed except for Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series.*** Travel directions for events held outside of PHS, and final itineraries for field trips will be mailed ten days prior to the event. There is limited space for all activities. Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of PHS *News*.

Refunds and cancellations: If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:

$3 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.

$5 fee for one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than four days prior to the event.

❑***Meadowbrook Farm Tour and Reception***
Meadowbrook, PA
6/9/98, 5:00 - 7:00pm
Members $16_____Guests $20_____

❑***At Home: Landscaping with Hostas***
West Chester, PA
6/10/98, 12:30 - 2:30pm
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***Workshop: Growing for the Harvest Show "The Spring Garden"***
Philadelphia, PA
6/10/98, 6:00 - 7:30pm
Number attending_____

❑***An Afternoon of Herbs***
Franklinville, NJ
6/11/98, 10:30 - 2:00pm
Members $34_____Guests $37_____

❑***Field Trip: Shore Gardens***
6/18/98, 8:00am - 5:00pm
Members $55_____Guests $60_____
Pick-up location:
Hort. Center_____Center City_____

❑***At Home: Lavender Hedge***
Plymouth Township, PA
6/23/98, Noon - 2:00pm
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***At Home: Urban Oasis***
Philadelphia, PA
6/23/98, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***Workshop: Herb Container Garden***
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
6/25/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members $39 _____Guests $44 _____

❑***Chanticleer: Uncommon Perennials***
Wayne, PA
6/27/98, 9:30am - 11:30pm
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***Workshop: Pruning***
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
6/30/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***Chanticleer: Container Gardening***
Wayne, PA
7/8/98, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***At Home: Late Afternoon Light***
Longview Farm, Malvern, PA
7/14/98, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***At Home: Daylilies***
North Coventry Township, PA
7/16/98, 10:00 - Noon
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***At Home: Up On the Roof***
Philadelphia, PA
7/22/98, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

❑***Chanticleer Workshop: Arranging From the Garden, Wayne, PA***
7/25/98, 9:30 -11:30am
Members $20_____Guests $23_____

❑***Evening Walk: Chanticleer***
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA
8/12/98, 6:00 – 8:00pm
Members $15_____

❑***Bog Gardening***
Wayne, PA
8/22/98, 9:30 – 11:30am
Members $15_____Guests $18_____

June Garden Visit
❑*Bucks County*
6/28/98, Sunday 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Members $5_____Guests $10_____
Children under 12 $2_____

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McLean Library of PHS Compiling Speakers' List

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society maintains a list of individuals who lecture to groups on horticulture and related topics. The Library staff is presently updating this list. If you would like to receive the questionnaire from which we compile our listing, please contact **Jane Alling** at the McLean Library of PHS, (215) 988-8772, or e-mail jalling@pennhort.org **Deadline for returning questionnaire: July 15, 1998.**

Elsewhere . . .

Native Plants in the Landscape Conference . . . will be held Thursday through Saturday, June 11 - 13, 1998 at Millersville University, Millersville, PA. The theme: *Exploring Our Woodlands*. For more information, please contact MSU Office of Continuing Education, (717) 872-3030.

Rooftop Alert . . . If you have a rooftop garden and would like to share it in an exchange visit with other roof gardeners this July or August, please get in touch. C'Anne Anderson, (215) 923-0725

The Hotline....

A caller asks: What are ergonomical garden tools?

The word "ergonomical" describes ways in which an individual reduces physical stress on the body by using anatomic, physiologic and mechanical principles.

The most common ergonomical garden tools are hand tools with cushioned handles contoured to fit your fingers and palm. Padded sleeves are available to slip onto your favorite wooden-hand trowel or weeder, and extension handles allow you to do garden chores in a standing position.Wrist supports and arm cuffs will keep your wrist in the proper position to prevent repetitive motion injuries such as carpal tunnel syndrome and tendinitis.

Tools used for digging and planting should be the appropriate size and weight for your body. Heavy tools of tempered steel or wood can strain the your back and knees if used improperly. D-handles on digging forks, spades and shovels make these tools easier to use.

Manufacturers of ergonomic tools include Ames, Felco, Fiskars, Gardena, Nelson and True Temper. The're available at most garden centers and home improvement centers. Mail order sources are A.M. Leonard, Inc. (800) 543-8955, Langenbach (800) 362-1991, and other general gardening catalogs.

PHS's Horticultural Hotline is open Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 12 noon. Phone: 215-988-8777; Fax: 215-988-8783; E-mail: jevans@pennhort.org

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Members' Annual Plant Dividend and Book Sale
Friday, September 11, 10 am - 7 pm
Saturday, September 12, 9:30 am - Noon

Join fellow members at the Annual Plant Dividend and Book Sale at PHS headquarters, 100 N. 20th Street in Philadelphia. Once you arrive, just follow the signs for both events. Remember to bring your PHS membership card to speed you through the registration line.

This is your opportunity to select a complimentary plant for each individual membership or three plants for all other PHS memberships. This annual plant distribution, one of the many membership benefits, features plants that are grown and donated by PHS members and friends. It's also a great opportunity to obtain unusual plants.

We also invite you to visit the Library's **Annual Book Sale** for new or used gardening books at special prices.

Many thanks to the 1998 Plant Dividend co-chairs, **Mary Ann Thomas** and **Lee Morris Raden**, for organizing this event and to the Members Committee for all their hard work.

The Committee is grateful to all those who propagate plants for the dividend. We appreciate the work, time, and energy they spend on this project. Those who have agreed to donate plants for this year as of our *News* deadline include:

Laura Aiken, Herbert Bieberfeld, J. Wayne Blackman, Peggy Bowditch, Michael Bowell, Toni Brinton, Noel Cawley, The Conard-Pyle Co., Crown Oak Gardens, Colonel Lester B. Cundiff, Aldys Davis, Alice Doering, Beth Dribin, Fancy Fronds, Alice Farley, Elizabeth Farley, Walter Fisher, Jr., Thomas Hawkins, Francena Hill, Barbara Inglessis, Jenkins Arboretum, Elizabeth Kassab, Anne Kellett , Anita Kistler, Betts Layman, Jane Reed Lennon, Ellie Lloyd, Longwood Gardens, Meadowbrook Farm, Michael Martin Mills, Harriet and Valdemar Monshaw, Robert Montgomery Landscapes, Inc., Claire Müller, North Creek Nurseries, Inc., Sharon Patterson and John Pellini, Lee M. Raden, Nancy and Jeffrey Rathfon, Charles W. Rogers, Russell Gardens, Scott Arboretum, Steve Silberstein, Irene Slater, Russell Strover, J. Franklin Styer Nurseries, Sunny Border Nurseries, Dick Van Duzer, Nancy and Joe Volpe, Roslyn Nursery, Rosemarie and Jules Vassalluzzo, Robert Way, Oliver P. Williams, Allen J. Winigrad, Mary Lou Wolfe, Patty Wurts, Sally and Michael Yow, Anne Marie Zardus.

How Many Seeds in a Pound? Where Did the Dahlia Get its Name?

Learn the answers to these and hundreds of other gardening questions at the 1998 Philadelphia Harvest Show held at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park, September 19 & 20 from 10:00am - 5:00pm. At this year's Show, themed *Did You Know? . . . Harvest Trivia*, you'll discover all kinds of fun horticultural facts. You'll also see the colorful medley of fall vegetables, delicious jams, herbal vinegars, pressed plants and other delightful creations typical of the Harvest Show.

New This Year:

The Great Pumpkin Pie Contest - Come on Saturday with your tastiest home-made pumpkin pie to compete for the Best Pumpkin pie in Philadelphia Award. Call (215) 988-8833. A celebrity judge will savor your recipes while determining which pie is fit for this prestigious award!

Visit the Demonstrations: PHS staff have been hard at work arranging demonstrations for visitors including: Arranging the Harvest, **Eva Monheim**; Kitchen Gardens, **Lorraine Kiefer**; Butterfly Gardens, **Judith Levicoff**; New Trends in Flower Arranging, **Bernice Makin**; Fall in the Garden, **Jeff Myers**; and Container Gardening, **Michael Bowell**. Look for a complete schedule at the Show.

NEWS BRIEF

Fine Garden Creations Designs Container Gardens at PHS Headquarters

In case you hadn't noticed, the containers outside PHS headquarters at 20th and Arch Street have been looking especially spiffy.

Last spring, **Andrew Bunting** and **George Petropoulos,** of **Fine Garden Creations,** volunteered their time, creativity and horticultural expertise to design the marvelous plant displays outside our building. PHS extends a warm thank you to these two who are well known throughout the Delaware Valley for their unique container designs.

If you would like to help us keep these container plantings healthy and bright, please call **Joan Kapczynski**, (215) 988-8865.

PHS's Philadelphia Green To Manage Greening Plan in West Philadelphia

PHS's Philadelphia Green will manage a greening plan for **Powelton Village** on behalf of **Drexel University** which is located near the Village in West Philadelphia. The neighborhood is also home to many Drexel students and has a beautiful collection of Victorian Houses on tree-shaded streets.

The **William Penn Foundation,** awarded Drexel University a $236,500 grant to find ways to green up this community between 34th Street and 38th Street and Powelton Avenue and Spring Garden Street.

Under the grant, and through their newly formed partnership, the **Powelton Village Civic Association** and **Drexel University** will have an opportunity to work together with Philadelphia Green on a project that will add new life to their neighborhood.

Thanks go to William Penn for their continued support and commitment to beautifying the neighborhoods where we work, live and learn.

ACTIVITIES

Tips for Making Reservations

Reservations, required for all members' programs, must be made through the reservation form in the **PHS *News*.** To pay by credit card, please call **Linda Davis, (215) 988-8776** or email, **ldavis@pennhort.org A description of each program appears in two consecutive issues of the PHS *News*; i.e., an April event will be listed in March and April. Sign up early!** Many of the members' activities have limited registration and fill quickly.

The fee for PHS field trips, unless otherwise noted, includes bus transportation, all entrance and guide fees, lunch, light refreshments on the bus and gratuities. Buses leave from the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and Center City, Phila. Final itinerary and departure information will be mailed 10 days before the trip. Please call **Sally Kutyla**, **(215) 988-8775** if you need more information.

Evening Garden Walk
Wednesday, August 12, 6:00 – 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

PHS members will have a special opportunity to join Chanticleer executive director **Chris Woods** for an early evening walk through the estate of Chanticleer. This "pleasure garden" in Wayne, known for its adventurous approach to the art of horticulture, features complex plantings of annuals, perennials, vines, tropical plants, trees and shrubs.

Chris will discuss how singular plants, plant combinations, and creative design are used to bring interest and rich texture to the garden. He'll also suggest worthy plants that merit greater use in the landscape. Program Limit: 24.

Members only. Fee: $15.

Plants for the Pond's Edge
Saturday, August 22, 9:30 – 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Joe Henderson, horticulturist at Chanticleer, will devote this program to plants that like "wet feet." We'll tour the pond area and walk the path along the stream to learn about marginal plants that tolerate wet conditions and aquatic plants, such as waterlilies, which must be completely submerged to thrive. Joe will discuss ways to use moisture-loving plants to soften the pond's edge and incorporate the pond into the surrounding landscape. Program limit: 24.

Fee: members $15; non-members $18.

Philadelphia Harvest Show Workshop, Part II
Monday, Sept. 14, 5:30 - 7:00pm
"The Spring Garden"
Philadelphia, PA

Join **Philadelphia Green** and **Penn State's Urban Gardening Program** to get your entries ready for the Philadelphia Harvest Show. Learn how to prepare flowers, vegetables, herbs, and preserved products to win top prizes at the show.

Doris Stahl, garden advisor from Penn State's Urban Gardening staff, will conduct this follow-up workshop at **"The Spring Garden"**; we'll harvest the bounty from the test plot planted during the spring workshop.

PHS members and non-members are invited to attend free of charge, but must pre-register. Please use the reservation form to register. The Spring Garden is several blocks north of the Ben Franklin Parkway at 18th and Wallace. Travel directions will be mailed ten days before the program.

Workshop: Rejuvenating the Garden
Wednesday, Sept. 16, 10:00 - 2:00pm
Malvern, PA

Fall is the perfect time to re-evaluate your perennial landscape and make changes for next year. Join **Jane Lennon**, of Cherrymont Farm and Nursery, for a workshop in the 15 year-old People's Light and Theater garden near Malvern.

We'll review the triumphs and disasters of this garden year, enjoy the September-blooming plants and anticipate spring. Jane will also demonstrate planting spring flowers and bulbs in the fall, and lifting, dividing, and replanting favorite perennials.

Jane will discuss how to design flower beds, their place in the overall landscape, and the importance of garden renewal.

Participants should bring newspaper and plastic if they want plant divisions from the garden. Please bring a picnic lunch. Program limit:15. Travel directions will be mailed ten days before the program. Fee: members $29; non-members $34. **Raindate: Wednesday, September 23.**

Chanticleer: Perennials for Fall

Saturday, Sept. 26, 9:30 - 11:30am
Wayne, PA

Lisa Roper, horticulturist at Chanticleer, will present this outdoor program on ways to make a colorful and dynamic display of perennials for fall.

Flowering and foliage plants will be examined with emphasis on practical care and culture as well as suitability for sunny or shady spots in your garden.

As you walk through the estate of Chanticleer, you'll see creative color combinations enhanced by plants with textural and architectural interest. Program limit: 25. Fee: members $15; non-members $18.

Lecture: Peirce's Woods at Longwood Gardens

Monday, September 28, 7:00pm
PHS

The Peirce's Woods garden builds on a 200-year history of cultivating North American native plants at Longwood Gardens while taking a fine arts approach to garden design.

W. Gary Smith and **Rick Darke** will trace the development of Peirce's Woods from Longwood's Quaker heritage to the present.

W. Gary Smith is a landscape architect and artist who combines art, ecology and design to bring people into closer contact with the natural world. He is an associate professor of landscape design at the University of Delaware.

Rick Darke is an author, photographer and garden consultant specializing in native plants and regional landscapes of North America. As former curator of plants at Longwood, Darke played a major role in developing the Gardens' indoor and outdoor displays. His third book, *The Color Encyclopedia of Ornamental Grasses*, will be published by Timber Press in February 1999.

Program begins at 7:00pm, followed by a dessert reception. Fee: members $15; non-members $18. **Note: The McLean Library will be open until 6:45pm this evening.**

Membership Notes

You've asked for it, and now we have it! Membership has a whole new look which we will unveil in early October. We've pushed, pulled, and tweaked to produce new categories and to realign membership benefits with changes and options to suit your interests and lifestyle. As a result, the August renewal mailing will be delayed until early October. We're excited about our upgraded services and benefits.

Now you will receive a new automated membership card and confirmation letter at the time of renewal. Plus, we're offering an expanded list of businesses that will honor your membership card for discounts and savings throughout the year. We're pleased with our new program and hope you will be, too.

Save the Date - Regional Urban Greening Forum To Be Held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center

Friday, November 6, 1998

With funding provided by **The Pew Charitable Trusts**, PHS is coordinating an all-day event dedicated to urban greening in cities and suburbs. Topics will include food production in urban areas; trees in urban areas; town squares & parks; corridors, main streets and gateways; youth programs and more. Projects in Philadelphia, PA, Trenton, NJ and Wilmington, DE will be highlighted.

To receive a brochure, or if you have suggestions for the day, please contact **Patricia Schrieber** at PHS: **(215) 988-8841 or email pschrieb@pennhort.org**

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1998 Perennials Conference
Tuesday, October 13, 9am - 4pm
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

The **1998 Perennials Conference for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries** will feature horticultural experts who will discuss everything from garden design to outstanding plants available for the garden, superb garden maintenance, and elements of the small garden.

Guest speakers include **Tony Avent** of Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, NC; **Michael Bowell** of Flora Design Gallery in Kimberton, PA; **Tracy DiSabato-Aust** from Sunbury, Ohio; **Gordon Hayward**, Putney, VT; **Darrell Probst** from Hubbardston, MA; **Martha Simon Pindale** of Bluemont Nursery, Monkton, MD; and **Lauren Springer** from Masonville, CO.

The Promising Plant Forum, a popular segment of the program, will feature **Sylvia Cooperman, Joe Henderson, Mark Huber, Marian Martin, Nancy O'Donnell, Bob Scanzaroli, Diane Walden-Rapalyea,** and **Lenny Wilson.**

This annual conference is jointly sponsored by the **Hardy Plant Society, Longwood Gardens, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society,** and **Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College**.

To receive a brochure, please check the reservation form, page 7, or call **Betsy Gullan** at **215-988-8778,** or email **bgullan@pennhort.org** Those who attended the 1997 Perennials Conference will automatically receive a brochure. We look forward to seeing you there.

Volunteer at the 1998 Philadelphia Harvest Show
Did You Know? . . . Harvest Trivia- Saturday and Sunday, September 19 - 20
The Horticulture Center, Fairmount Park

We need your help as an Entry, Information, Setup, or Youth Section Aide to make the 1998 Philadelphia Harvest Show another wonderful Show. If you'd like to work behind the scenes this year and have time available beginning Wednesday, Sept. 16 through Sunday, Sept. 20, please use this form to tell us where and when you would like to help. Send it to PHS, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495, Attn: **Ann Domalevicz**.

Setup

Wednesday, September 16
9:00am - Noon _____
1:00 - 4:00pm _____

Thursday, September 17
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1:00 - 4:00pm _____

Horticulture Information Booth
Friday, September 18
4:00 - 7:00pm _____

Saturday, September 19
10:00 - Noon _____
Noon - 2:00pm _____
2:00-5:00pm _____

Sunday, September 20
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2:00 - 5:00pm _____

Entry Aides
Thursday, September 17
3:15 - 7:00pm _____

Friday, September 18
7:15 - 10:00am _____

Information Aides
Friday, September 18
3:30 - 5:30pm _____
5:15 - 7:15pm _____

Saturday, September 19
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Sunday, September 20
9:30am - Noon _____
Noon - 2:30pm _____
2:30 - 5:00pm _____

Youth Section Aides
Entries & Staging
Thursday, September 17
2:00 - 4:30pm _____
4:30 - 7:00pm _____

Friday, September 18
7:30 - 10:30am _____
4:00 - 7:00pm _____

Saturday, September 19
11:00 - 3:00pm _____

Sunday, September 20
11:00 - 3:00pm _____

Children's Activities: Pumpkin Painting and Games
Saturday, September 19
11:00am - 4:00pm _____

Sunday, September 20
11:00am - 4:00pm _____

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Address_____ **Phone** _____

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TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

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Refunds and cancellations: If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:
$3 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.
$5 fee for one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than four days prior to the event.

❑***Evening Walk: Chanticleer***
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA
8/12/98, 6:00–8:00pm
Members $15_____

❑***Bog Gardening***
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA
8/22/98, 9:30–11:30am
Members $15_____
Non-members $18_____

Workshop: Growing for the Harvest Show
"The Spring Garden"
Philadelphia, PA
9/14/98, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Number attending_____

Workshop: Rejuvenating the Garden
Malvern, PA
9/16/98, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Members $29_____
Non-members $34_____

Chanticleer: Perennials for Fall
Wayne, PA
9/26/98, 9:30 - 11:30am
Members $15_____
Non-members $18_____

Lecture: Peirce's Woods
9/28/98, 7:00 pm
Members $15_____
Non-members $18_____

Special Event:

1998 Perennials Conference
_____Please send a brochure for the 1998 Perennials Conference.

Yes, I Would like to Volunteer for the Members' Harvest Show Opening Celebration:

__3:30 - 5:30 pm

__5:30 - 7:30 pm

NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

ZIP:_____ *TELEPHONE: (H)_____ (W)_____

*Please provide your current phone number(s) so we may contact you if there are changes in scheduled activities.

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McLean Library Compiling Speakers List

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society maintains a list of individuals who lecture to groups on horticultural and related topics. The Library staff is presently updating this list. If you would like to receive the questionnaire from which we compile our listing, please contact **Jane Alling** at the McLean Library, (215) 988-8772 or email, jalling@pennhort.org
Deadline for returning questionnaire: August 15, 1998

Elsewhere . . .

Floral Design Classes . . . will be offered this fall at the **Eastern Center for Arts and Technology**, 3075 Terwood Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090. Basic classes: six Tuesdays, September 29 - November 3, 6:30 - 9:30pm. Intermediate classes: five Tuesdays, November 10 - December 8, 6:30 - 9:30pm. To register, please call **Betty Cornell**, (215) 784-4802.

The Hotline....

A caller asks: How do I make and prepare a compost pile?

Adding compost to the soil is a good way to improve poor soil. Build your compost pile out of sight from your house (and also your neighbor's house). A simple bin of wire-mesh fencing and stakes, a commercially produced plastic bin, or even a trash can with half-inch holes in the sides will contain your compost.

A suggested mix of material for compost is three parts brown material to one part green material in alternating layers. Examples of brown material are shredded dried leaves, dried grass clippings (which decompose faster than fresh clippings), small twigs and shredded branches, wood ashes (a good source of phosphorus), and straw. Examples of green material are green grass clippings, garden debris from dead-heading or cutting back perennials, fallen fruit (not diseased), vegetable peelings from the kitchen, and coffee grounds.

Animal waste, weeds, and charcoal ashes should not be placed in a compost pile. Finished compost is ready when it's dark and crumbly. Use it as a mulch in the fall, or dig into the soil in the spring.

PHS's Horticultural Hotline is open Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 12 noon. Phone: 215-988-8777; Fax: 215-988-8783; E-mail: jalling@pennhort.org

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Pepperpot . . .

Two Generous Donors Help Put Our Dreams Into Action at the Philadelphia Museum of Art

It has been more than a decade since Council and staff members started to dream about a plan to restore the landscape surrounding the **Philadelphia Museum of Art.** Seven years ago, with the Azalea Garden almost completed, PHS commissioned a major landscape study by **Wallace Roberts & Todd** for the 25 acres around the Museum. Initially, we used money raised through the Philadelphia Flower Show, and in subsequent years friends of PHS donated funds for the landscape and engineering studies that followed.

Last fall, we completed Phase I of this multi-phase project, a partnership of the Museum, the Fairmount Park Commission and the Society. New plantings were installed in the East Courtyard and the Kelly Drive entrance to the Museum was realigned and relandscaped, all with funding through an appropriation in the City's capital budget for Fairmount Park.

In the City's capital budget for the next fiscal year, funds have been allocated for repaving Eakins Oval Plaza at the foot of the Art Museum's steps. In the following years, we hope City funding will be dedicated to Phases II and III, in which we will relandscape the Ramparts on either side of the steps, the north and west lawns and the cliffs adjacent to The Water Works, also undergoing restoration.

Early this summer, we received news that two friends of Philadelphia had made very generous lead gifts to start an endowment fund to maintain the first two phases of the project. To **Mrs. Samuel M.V. Hamilton** and an anonymous donor, who have made contributions to PHS and the Art Museum respectively, we say many, many thanks for your enthusiasm for this project and for helping us turn our dreams into reality.

We have a long way to go to complete the more than $3M endowment needed to maintain all phases of the relandscaping, but our lead donors have made a wonderful start for the fund. Dodo challenges other friends of Philadelphia to join in support of this endowment so the plantiungs will look even more beautiful for future generations than they do today.

If you would like to make a contribution to the fund, please give me a call at (215) 988-8890.

Jane G. Pepper

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President

We Celebrate the Life of George Clark, Former PHS President

When George died in June, I lost one of my best correspondents and PHS lost a great friend, who gave generously of his time and skills to the Society for almost half a century. My correspondence with this enthusiastic gardener dates back almost 20 years. After each Flower Show, George would write me a letter. Always, he praised our efforts; often he offered suggestions to help us plan for future years. At other times of the year, George's envelopes contained little pieces of advice, clippings and funny stories to lighten my day.

I'm not sure when George first became involved with PHS, but he served twice as president, from 1957 to 1960 and again from 1970 to 1973. Between presidencies, he chaired the Flower Show Executive Committee and served as Treasurer. George was generous in using his well-honed gardening experience to help others and was a dedicated Hotliner for more than a decade, answering an estimated 2,000 calls.

When he started on the Hotline, his wife May called him anonymously a couple of times to check and make sure he was giving out good advice.

George will also be remembered as a Flower Show stager, as a member of the Library Committee and also as a person who played a key role in the negotiations that made it possible for the Society to spend 32 very happy years in our headquarters at 325 Walnut Street.

Jane

Jane

NEWS BRIEF

Attention PHS Members! New Kensington Garden Center Needs Your Extra Gardening Catalogs

The New Kensington Garden Center, built last spring by **Americorps** through a collaboration with the **New Kensington Community Develop-ment Corporation** and **PHS's Philadelphia Green** program, has begun educational programs to expose New Kensington youth to the wonders and joys of gardening in the City. Gardening catalogs and magazines are helpful to their new programs. If you would like to donate used gardening catalogs or magazines to the Center, please send them to:

New Kensington CDC
2515 Frankford Ave.
Phila., PA 19125
Att: Jennifer Rulf

If you have an abundance of catalogs and need to make special arrangements for pick-up, please call Jennifer Rulf, (215) 427-0350, ext. 106.

Don't Miss Harvest Show Lectures and Demonstrations

Saturday, September 19

12pm New Trends in Flower Arranging, Bernice Makin
1pm *Container Gardening*, Michael Bowell
2pm Fall in the Garden, Jeffrey Myers
3pm Peppers! Peppers! Peppers!, Gus Jardel

Sunday, September 20

12pm Gardening for Butterflies, Judith Levicoff
1pm Arranging the Harvest, Eva Monheim
2pm Kitchen Gardening, Lorraine Kiefer

All lectures and demonstrations are held under the small tent on the back lawn beyond the educational exhibits at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park.

ACTIVITIES

Tips for Making Reservations

Reservations, required for all members' programs, must be made through the reservation form in the **PHS *News*.** To pay by credit card, please call **Linda Davis, (215) 988-8776** or email, **ldavis@pennhort.org A description of each program appears in two consecutive issues of the PHS *News*; i.e., an April event will be listed in March and April. Sign up early!** Many of the members' activities have limited registration and fill quickly.

The fee for PHS field trips, unless otherwise noted, includes bus transportation, all entrance and guide fees, lunch, light refreshments on the bus and gratuities. Buses leave from the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and Center City, Philadelphia. Final itinerary and departure information will be mailed 10 days before the trip. Please call **Sally Kutyla, (215) 988-8775** if you need more information.

Philadelphia Harvest Show Workshop, Part II

Monday, Sept. 14, 5:30 - 7:00pm
"The Spring Garden"
Philadelphia, PA

Join **Philadelphia Green** and **Penn State's Urban Gardening Program** to get your entries ready for the Philadelphia Harvest Show. Learn how to prepare flowers, vegetables, herbs and preserved products to win top prizes at the Show.

Doris Stahl, garden advisor from Penn State's Urban Gardening staff, will conduct this follow-up workshop at **"The Spring Garden"**; we'll harvest the bounty from the test plot planted during the spring workshop.

PHS members and non-members are invited to attend free of charge, but must pre-register. Please use the reservation form to register. The Spring Garden is several blocks north of the Ben Franklin Parkway at 18th and Wallace. Travel directions will be mailed 10 days before the program.

Workshop: Rejuvenating the Garden

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 10:00 - 2:00pm
Malvern, PA

Fall is the perfect time to re-evaluate your perennial landscape and make changes for next year. Join **Jane Lennon** of Cherrymont Farm and Nursery for a workshop in the 15-year old People's Light and Theater Garden near Malvern.

Jane will demonstrate planting spring flowers and bulbs in the fall, and lifting, dividing and replanting favorite perennials. She'll discuss how to design flower beds, their place in the overall landscape, and the importance of garden renewal.

We'll review the triumphs and disasters of this garden year, enjoy the September-blooming plants and anticipate spring.

Participants should bring newspaper and plastic if they want plant divisions from the garden. Please bring a picnic lunch. Program limit: 15. Fee: members $29; non-members $34. **Raindate: Wednesday, September 23.**

Chanticleer: Perennials for Fall

Saturday, Sept. 26, 9:30 - 11:30am
Wayne, PA

Lisa Roper, horticulturist at Chanticleer, will present this outdoor program on ways to make a colorful and dynamic display of perennials for fall.

Flowering and foliage plants will be examined with emphasis on practical care and culture as well as suitability for sunny or shady spots in your garden.

As you walk through the estate of Chanticleer, you'll see creative color combinations enhanced by plants with textural and architectural interest. Program limit: 25. Fee: members $15; non-members $18.

Lecture: Peirce's Woods at Longwood Gardens

Monday, September 28, 7:00pm
PHS

The Peirce's Woods garden builds on a 200-year history of cultivating North American native plants at Longwood Gardens while taking a fine arts approach to garden design.

W. Gary Smith and **Rick Darke** will trace the development of Peirce's Woods from Longwood's Quaker heritage to the present.

W. Gary Smith is a landscape architect and artist who combines art, ecology and design to bring people into closer contact with the natural world. He is an associate professor of landscape design at the University of Delaware.

Rick Darke is an author, photographer and garden consultant specializing in native plants and regional landscapes of North America. As former curator of plants at Longwood, Darke played a major role in developing the Gardens' indoor and outdoor displays. His third book, *The Color Encyclopedia of Ornamental Grasses*, will be published by Timber Press in February 1999.

Program begins at 7:00pm, followed by a dessert reception. Fee: members $15; non-members $18. **Note: The McLean Library will be open until 6:45pm this evening.**

Field Trip: The New York Botanical Garden and Wave Hill

Bronx, New York
Wed., October 7, 6:45am - 7:00pm

The **Enid A. Haupt Conservatory** at The New York Botanical Garden stands as a remarkable example of architectural restoration and state-of-the-art botanical garden design. In our guided tour of the conservatory, we'll see upland and lowland rain forests, an aquatic plant house, the palm collection and desert galleries.

After a box lunch in the garden Cafe, members can explore the grounds and specialty gardens, such as the T.H. Everett Rock Garden, Jane Irwin Watson Perennial Garden and the native plant garden.

Mid-afternoon, we'll travel to nearby Wave Hill. Overlooking the Hudson River, the 28 landscaped acres of Wave Hill include herbaceous borders, the Wild Garden, greenhouses, a water lily display area and seasonal landscape displays.

Program limit: 38. Fee of $74 for members and $79 for non-members includes bus transportation, refreshments on the bus, lunch and all entrance and tour guide fees. Please choose pick-up location on reservation form: Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park or Center City.

Workshop: Botanical Drawing

Thursday, October 8, 10:00 - 3:00pm
PHS Classroom

Sharpen your botanical drawing skills in this one day workshop with **Eileen Rosen**. Learn the basic skills of botanical drawing and exercises and techniques for more accurate rendering. Individual instruction will be tailored for all levels of experience; beginners are welcome.

Eileen Rosen is a graduate of Moore College of Art. She has taught botanical drawing at The University of the Arts - Philadelphia College of Arts and Design, The New York Botanical Garden, Morris Arboretum, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize Central America.

A list of suggested materials (less than $10) will be sent upon registration. Please bring a lunch. Program limit: 12. Members only. Fee: $50.

Workshop: Planting a Potted Bulb Garden for Winter Forcing

Friday, October 9, 10:00 - Noon
Mostardi's Nursery, Newtown Square, PA

Steve Mostardi, general manager of Mostardi's Nursery, will teach the basics of forcing hardy bulbs including the mechanics of layering bulbs, bulb combinations, forcing timetables and culture techniques.

Each participant will design and plant a mixed bulb garden in an 8" clay pot using a variety of hardy bulbs such as muscari, crocus, narcissus, and tulips.

All materials will be provided. Program limit: 20. Fee: members $21; non-members $26.

Accessible Gardening: A Visit to Magee Rehabilitation

Wednesday, October 14, 10:00 - Noon
Philadelphia, PA

The **Community Learning Center for Accessible Gardening** is housed in Magee Rehabilitation's greenhouse on top of a six story building in Center City. This state-of-the-art greenhouse features gardening work stations, a computer station with landscaping software, a library and container gardens - all designed to be easily used by people with physical and cognitive disabilities.

Linda Ciccantelli, registered horticultural therapist and coordinator of Magee's horticultural therapy program, will lead our tour through this unique facility. Program limit: 30. Fee: members $12; non-members $15.

Workshop: Botanical Illustration

6 Sessions, Thursdays, October 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, & 19;12:30 - 3:30 pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Botanical illustrator **Louisa Rawle Tiné** returns with a six session course in botanical watercolor. Participants will learn precise brushwork and color mixing. Students will also work on drawing techniques, observations and composition. Instruction is highly individualized and geared to all levels of ability and goals.

Louisa Rawle Tiné has worked as a professional artist and illustrator for nearly 30 years in both the commercial and fine arts fields. Recent clients include Caspari, Inc., *Fine Gardening* and *Kitchen Garden* magazines, The New York Botanical Garden, and the 1998 Shepherd's Seed Catalog.

Program limit: 15 students. A materials list and travel instructions will be mailed upon registration. Members only. Fee: $140.

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Fall's Coming, Time to Put Your Garden to ~~Sleep~~ Work

Friday, October 16, Noon
PHS auditorium

Get a jump on spring...this fall! **Art Wolk**, garden writer, photographer and Philadelphia Flower Show Grand Sweepstakes winner, will show you how outdoor cold frames and indoor fluorescent lights can help produce high-impact, high-yield flower and vegetable gardens inexpensively.

You'll learn how to put together a cold frame in minutes and how to start seeds now for a gorgeous spring garden. Art will also share tips on bulb forcing which he's used to win over 100 blue ribbons at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Please bring a lunch; PHS will supply a beverage. Fee: $5.00.

Workshop: Arranging the Harvest

Tuesday, October 20, 10:00 - Noon
Eastern Center for Arts & Technology
Willow Grove, PA

Celebrate the harvest in this workshop with **Eva Monheim**, of Eve's Floral Creations. Eva will demonstrate a variety of fresh flower arrangements using fruits and vegetables of the season as containers. Following the demonstration, each participant will create an arrangement to take home.

All materials will be provided. Please bring scissors or clippers and a box to transport your finished project. *The Eastern Center for Arts and Technology can be reached by public transportation.* Travel directions will be mailed 10 days before the program. Program limit: 25. Fee: members $49; non-members $54.

Workshop: Plant Rescue

Friday, October 23, 10:00 - 2:00pm
Meadowbrook Farm
Meadowbrook, PA

Karl Rider, perennial grower at Meadowbrook Farm, will instruct PHS members in the protocol, strategies and methods for "rescues" - the process of relocating native plants. He'll explain the importance of using local seed to maintain the plants' indigenous gene pool, how to properly collect and sow seed and the effect such projects have on the environment.

We'll meet at Meadowbrook Farm for a brief orientation, and then carpool to a natural area to hand-collect seeds from native grasses and perennials.

After preparing the seeds, we'll go to Raytharn Farm on the Pennypack Trust property and sow the seeds for a meadow restoration.

Program limit: 24. Please bring a lunch. Fee: members $10; non-members $13.

Workshop: Propagating Perennials

Wednesday, October 28, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm
Meadowbrook, PA

Learn how to increase the supply of your favorite perennials. **John Story**, general manager of Meadowbrook Farm, will give an overview of the techniques for propagating perennials in the fall. John will demonstrate the three most common methods of propagation: stem cuttings, root cuttings, and root division. He'll also explain how to determine the appropriate timing and method for your plants. Participants will have hands-on instruction and prepare root-cuttings and plant divisions to take home. Please bring scissors and clippers. Program limit: 20. Fee: members $24; non-members $29.

Lecture: "Paradise" - The Persian Garden
November 4, 1998 - 7:00pm

Patricia, Countess Jellicoe will explore the history of the symbolism and layout of the Persian garden from the "Paradou" or "Paradise" garden of the 5th century B.C. Achamenaen period. Using slides from her own travels, she will show the differences between Persian, Arabic-inspired gardens - such as Granada in Spain - and the Mughal gardens of Kashmir, and those in the Indian sub-continent.

Countess Jellicoe has lived in Shanghai, the Middle East, the United States, and London. She has lectured at many of the world's major museums, societies, and universities including the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum. Her frequent lectures at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York are very popular. She is an accomplished designer, antiques consultant and a distinguished member of numerous societies. Her writings have appeared in many publications including *Architectural Digest*, *Islamic Arts*, *Orient Express*, *Illustrated London News* and *The Spectator*.

Lecture begins at 7:00pm, followed by a dessert reception. **Note: the McLean Library will remain open until 6:45pm this evening.** Fee: members $19; non-members $24.

1998 Perennials Conference
Tuesday, October 13, 9am - 4pm
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

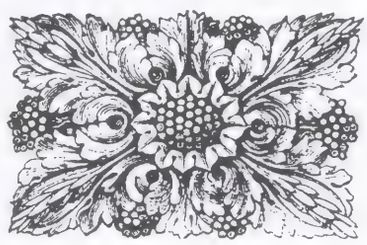
The 1**998 Perennials Conference for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries** will feature horticultural experts who will discuss everything from garden design to outstanding plants available for the garden, superb garden maintenance, and elements of the small garden.

Guest speakers include **Tony Avent** of Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, NC; **Michael Bowell** of Flora Design Gallery in Kimberton, PA; **Tracy DiSabato-Aust** from Sunbury, Ohio; **Gordon Hayward**, Putney, VT; **Darrell Probst** from Hubbardston, MA; **Martha Simon Pindale** of Bluemont Nursery, Monkton, MD; and **Lauren Springer** from Masonville, CO.

The Promising Plant Forum, a popular segment of the program, will feature **Sylvia Cooperman, Joe Henderson, Mark Huber, Marian Martin, Nancy O'Donnell, Bob Scanzaroli, Diane Walden-Rapalyea,** and **Lenny Wilson.**

This annual conference is jointly sponsored by the **Hardy Plant Society, Longwood Gardens, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society,** and **Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College**.

To receive a brochure, please check the reservation form on page 7 or call **Betsy Gullan**, **215-988-8778,** or email **bgullan@pennhort.org** Those who attended the 1997 Perennials Conference will automatically receive a brochure. We look forward to seeing you there.



Members' Annual Plant Dividend and Book Sale
Friday, September 11, 10am - 7pm
Saturday, September 12, 9:30am - Noon

Join fellow members at the **Annual Plant Dividend and Library Book Sale** at PHS, 100 North 20th Street, Philadelphia. This is your opportunity to select a complimentary plant for each individual membership or three plants for all other PHS memberships. This annual distribution of plants, grown and donated by PHS members and friends, is one of the many benefits of membership and is also a great opportunity to obtain unusual plants. We also invite you to visit the Library's Annual Book Sale.

Plants are available on a first-come, first served basis; we are unable to set any aside or take telephone orders. Please present your PHS membership card to speed you through the registration area.

Many thanks to the 1998 Annual Plant Dividend co-chairs, Mary Ann Thomas and Lee M. Raden, for organizing this event and to the Members Committee for all its hard work.

Following is a **partial** list of plants available to members through the Annual Plant Dividend

BIENNIAL
Digitalis purpurea;

GROUND COVERS
Ajuga reptans 'Carol'; *A. reptans rubra; Asarum canadense* (Canadian wild ginger); *A. europaeum* (European ginger); *Chrysogonum virginianum; Ophiopogon japonicus* 'Kyoto Dwarf' (dwarf lily-turf); *O. japonicus* 'Nanus'; *Vinca minor* 'Argenteomarginata'; *V. minor* 'Sterling Silver'.

HOUSEPLANTS
Alsobia dianthiflora; Ardisia crenata (coralberry); *Begonia* 'Los Angeles'; *B. metallica; B. sutherlandii; Bromeliad* spp. (assorted); *Cattleya* (assorted); *Cestrum nocturnum* (night Jessamine); *Coleus* (assorted); *Coprosma* x*kirkii* 'Variegata'; *Dendrobium kingianum; Ludisia discolor* (jewel orchid); *Hoya carnosa* 'Hummel's Compacta' (wax plant); *Nematanthus* 'Bijou'; *Paphiopedilum* (assorted) *Phalaenopsis* (assorted); *Sinningia* 'Madame Butterfly'

PERENNIALS
Amsonia hubrectii (blue star); *Anemonella thalictroides; Arachnoides standishii* (upside-down fern); *Arisaema ringens; Artemisia arborescens* 'Powis Castle'; *Asclepias tuberosa* (butterfly weed); *Asplenosopus ebenoides* 'Green Dragon' (Scott's spleenwort); *Athryium nipponicum* (Japanese painted fern); *Begonia grandis* spp. *evansiana* (hardy begonia); *Campanula takesimana; Caryopteris* x*clandonensis* 'Longwood Blue'; *Crocosmia sp.; Delosperma congestum; Dryopteris affinis* (golden shield fern); *D. affinis* 'Revolvens'; *D. dilatata* 'Lepidota Cristata'; *D. filix-mas* 'Barnesii'; *D. filix-mas* 'Linearis Tolydactyla'; *D. formosana* (Formosan woodfern); *Dendranthema indicum* 'Sheffield Pink'; *Eupatorium rugosum* 'Chocolate'; *Galium odoratum* (sweet woodruff); *Gaura lindheimeri* 'Siskiyou Pink'; *Hakonechloa macra* 'Albovariegata' (hakone grass); *Helleborus foetidus; H. orientalis; Hemerocallis* assorted (day lily); *Hosta plantaginea; H. 'Krossa Regal'; Iresine herbstii*; *Iris cristata* 'Alba' (crested iris); *I. prismatica* (slender-leaved blue flag); *Kalimeris; Lewisia cotyledon; Lilium* 'Emily DuPont'; *L.* 'Jane Pepper'; *L.*, Oriental hybrids (assorted); *Liriope muscari* (lily turf); *Neomarica gracilis* (walking iris); *Osmunda regalis* 'Purpurascens'; *Phlox stolonifera* 'Porters Purple' (creeping phlox); *Polygonatum odoratum* 'Variegatum' (variegated Solomon seal); *Polystichum braunii* (Braun's holly fern); *Primula acaulis; P. florindae; P. japonica* (candelabra primrose); *P. veris* (cowslip); *Saxifraga veitchiana; Sempervivum* spp.; *Stokesia laevis* 'Mary Gregory' (yellow stokes aster); *Tanacetum parthenium* 'Aureum' (feverfew); *Teucrium fruticans; Tiarella* 'Elizabeth Oliver' (foamflower); *Vancouveria hexandra; Vernonia noveboracensis* (iron weed); *Yucca filamentosa* (Adam's needle); *Zanthoxylum* (chinese prickly ash);

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Rosa hybrida 'Meilavio' Traviata™ PPAF

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Aucuba japonica; *A. japonica* 'Gold Dust'; *A. japonica* 'Gold King'; *Buxus sempervirens* 'Elegantissima' (silver box); *Daphne mezereum* (February daphne); *Euonymus alatus* (burning bush); *E. fortunei* 'Emerald Gaiety'; *Forsythia* x*intermedia* 'Varigold'; *Fuchsia procumbens* (creeping fuchsia); *Heptacodium miconioides; Hydrangea heteromalla* 'Bretschneideri'; *H. macrophylla* 'Blue Billow'; *Ilex glabra* 'Densa'; *I.* 'Sparkleberry'; *I. verticillata* 'Scarlett O'Hara'; *Itea virginica* 'Henry's Garnet' (Virginia sweet spire); *Leucothoe axillaris* var. *editorum*; *Lindera glauca* var. *salicifolia* (spicebush); *Paxistima canbyi; Salix alba* 'Chermesina' (willow); *Weigela subsessilis* 'Canary'.

TREES
Cryptomeria japonica 'Yoshino' (Japanese cedar); *Koelreuteria paniculata* (golden rain tree); *Quercus bicolor* (swamp white oak); *Styrax obassia* (fragrant snowbell)

VINES
Bignonia capreolata (cross vine); *Clematis terniflora* (sweet autumn clematis) *Codonopsis lanceolata* (cup and saucer vine); *Hedera helix* 'Buttercup'

PHS GOLD MEDAL PLANTS
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Anna E. Hillman, CPA, is Senior Vice President of Finance & Administration for Comcast Cellular Communications, Inc. A member of the Finance and Human Resources Committees, Anna brings over 17 years financial and management experience to PHS. She is president of the Junior Women's Community Club of Narberth and a member of the Borough of Narberth Shade Tree Commission and the Delaware Valley Water Garden Society.

J. Liddon Pennock, Jr. has generously dedicated his time and enthusiasm to PHS. Owner of Meadowbrook Farm in Meadowbrook, PA, Liddon has opened his gardens and greenhouses to PHS members for many events, including lectures, work shops and garden visits. Liddon has previously served as PHS president and as a member of many committees.

Lawrence L. Stier has been a Philadelphia Public School special education teacher since 1969. He uses gardening as a way of integrating his students with the school population as well as for vocational and recreational instruction. Larry serves on the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board and currently chairs the Junior Flower Show. Active in many environmental endeavors, he leads Vare students on weekly field trips to the John Heinz Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum and is a charter member of the Refuge's environmental education committee.

John A. Steptoe, Jr., has a long-standing involvement with Philadelphia Green. He participated in the original Tree Steward program, has been active in the Tree Tender continuing education programs, and is an active community gardener and tree advocate. John enjoys outdoor activities such as planting, swimming, fishing and biking. He works closely with the Eastwick United Methodist Church camping program and participates in the Annual Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour to Ocean City, NJ.

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PROXY FORM **The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society**
Annual Meeting of Members, November 17, 1998

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Philadelphia, PA
9/14/98, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Number attending_____

Workshop: Rejuvenating the Garden Malvern, PA
9/16/98, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Members $29_____
Non-members $34_____

Chanticleer: Perennials for Fall Wayne, PA
9/26/98, 9:30 - 11:30am
Members $15_____
Non-members $18_____

Lecture: Peirce's Woods
9/28/98, 7:00 pm
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*Please provide your current phone number(s) so we may contact you if there are changes in scheduled activities.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check Enclosed ❑

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Special Events:

Lecture: The Persian Garden
11/4/98, 7:00pm
PHS auditorium
Members $20_____
Non-members $23_____

1998 Perennials Conference
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Harvest Show Opens to Public Saturday and Sunday, September 19 & 20, 10am-5pm

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American Chestnut Foundation Holds Annual Meeting . . . at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA on Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18. Activities will include workshops on the history of Pennsylvania's forests, chestnut botany and other topics, and a tour of an advanced hybrid chestnut planting installed at the Gardens in April 1997. For more information, please call **Shelly Stiles, (802) 447-0110.**

William Paca Hosts Fall Plant Sale . . . at the William Paca Garden on Saturday, September 12 from 10:00 - 4:00pm and Sunday, September 13 from 12:oo - 4:00pm in the Visitor's Center at 1 Martin Street, Annapolis, MD. For more information, please call **(410) 267-6656.**

Floral Design Classes . . . will be offered this fall at the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology, 3075 Terwood Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090. Basic classes: six Tuesdays, September 29 - November 3, 6:30 - 9:30pm. Intermediate classes: five Tuesdays, November 10 - December 8, 6:30 - 9:30pm. To register, please call **Betty Cornell, (215) 784-4802.**

The Hotline....

A caller asks: When should I bring my houseplants indoors?

Although many houseplants benefit from a summer on the patio, don't wait until the first frost is forecast to bring the plants indoors. The average date for the first frost in the Delaware Valley area is mid-October.

Check each plant carefully for pests and spray with an insecticidal soap as a precaution.

A summer outdoors may result in vigorous growth, and the plant may need repotting. If the roots have completely filled the pot, repot in the next size container using fresh potting soil.

Bring the plants into the house about two to three weeks before frost, when the days are still warm enough for windows to be open, and before the house's heating system is turned on. Most houseplants are tropical, and don't like the dry, close air of the house, so be sure to provide good air circulation and humidity levels.

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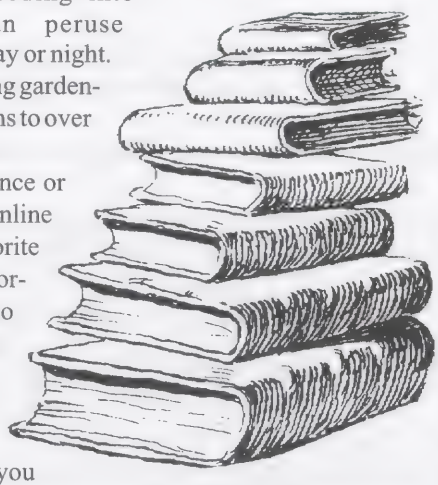

If you'd like to borrow a book or ask a reference or gardening question, we've included easy-to-use online forms at the website. If you still can't find your favorite gardening book, we've provided links to other horticultural libraries and their collections. We've also linked to a vast library of gardening magazines as well.

If it's a new book or video you're after, we will also post all titles from *Bookends*, our quarterly listing of new books and videos. At the site, you can also browse through our Landscape Design Consultant List, compiled by library staff.

Look for future additions to this site, such as a searchable database of horticultural speakers, and a web version of the 25-Year *Green Scene* Index.

If you want to stretch your legs and visit our Library in person, you'll see still other exciting additions here as well: our latest acquisition is a public access workstation. Here you can search our online catalog, and the Library's collection of CD-ROMs, including Allan Armitage's Photo-Library of Herbaceous Plants.

We've also provided internet access to several databases useful to gardeners. The *Plant Information Online* consists of two files: a database of sources of plants and seeds and an index to citations of plant information and illustrations. *Electric Library* is an easy-to-use online general reference service which contains full text newspaper and magazine articles, reference books, television and radio transcripts; as well as photos, images, and maps.

Whether you visit us in person or via our website, we strive to help you find answers to your gardening questions! ■

Visit the McLean Library Website:
www.libertynet.org/phs/phslibrary.html

Treat Yourself To An English Journey

Join Jane Pepper for a Tour of Gardens of Derbyshire, Suffolk and London, June 7-19, 1999

Next summer, join PHS president *Jane Pepper* for a 12-day tour of large and small English gardens, ending up in London for a couple of days. *Micky Blacklock*, who has organized several tours for PHS to gardens in Scotland and England, will be our guide. We will stay in first-class hotels, starting with The Cavendish at Baslow, owned by the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire in the heart of the Peak District. A special visit at Chatsworth, home of the Devonshire family, will include private tours of the greenhouse and garden. In subsequent days in Derbyshire, we will visit small gardens with breathtaking views, the Peak District National Park and a beautiful old estate.

On our way to Suffolk, we will stop at a garden designed by Rosemary Verey before arriving at the Swan Hotel, Lavenham, where we will stay for five nights. Visits in this area will include the College Gardens in Cambridge; one where the owner specializes in clematis; another with rose gardens and a moated house built in 1510 and Beth Chatto's garden and nursery. Visits in London will incude small gardens in Kensington and a farewell dinner south of the Thames. For a brochure, please contact Carol Lindemann, (215) 988-8818 or by email *clindema@pennhort.org* ■

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Volunteer at the 1999 Philadelphia Flower Show

Join us at the Pennsylvania Convention Center as a behind-the-scenes volunteer from March 5 - March 12, 1999. If you would like to help, check the roles that interest you and return this form to PHS. Be on the lookout for more Flower Show volunteer opportunities in future issues of the **PHS *News***.

❑**Exhibitor Aides** - Help exhibitors transport plants from D Hall to freight elevator and to entry area. Entry level job.
❑**Runners** - Carry cards for corrections to and from typing table. Entry level job.
❑**Recorders** - Log information for a plant's entry into the Show. Attention to detail and an ability to keep calm under pressure required.

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Please return to Marge Meer, 100 N. 20th Street-5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495 by **November 1, 1998.** We will contact you with more information.

We Welcome Pete Prown as New PHS Publications Manager and Editor, *Green Scene* Magazine

After 27 years as *Green Scene* editor and Director of PHS publications, Jean Byrne has passed on the reins to Pete Prown.

Pete comes to us with 13 years experience in the publications world. He founded and edited *Guitar Shop*, the first equipment-oriented guitar magazine, with a circulation of over 85,000 readers worldwide. He also co-wrote, *Legends of Rock Guitar,* an impressive music history book.

As for horticulture, Pete has long demonstrated a love for gardening. He's a member of the Rose Valley Gardeners, where he directs planting at the town center. His own gardens were recently selected to be on Rose Valley's 75th Anniversary House and Garden Tour.

Please give Pete a warm welcome when you meet him or if you have any thoughts on our publications, you can contact him at (215) 988-8767, FAX (215) 988-8810, email *pprown@pennhort.org*

FALL ACTIVITIES FOR MEMBERS

Reservations, required for all members' programs, must be made through the reservation form in the PHS *News*. To pay by credit card, please call **Linda Davis, (215) 988-8776 or email, *ldavis@pennhort.org*** A description of each program appears in two consecutive issues of the PHS *News*; i.e., an April event will be listed in March and April. Sign up early! Many of the members' activities have limited registration and fill quickly.

The fee for PHS field trips, unless otherwise noted, includes bus transportation, all entrance and guide fees, lunch, light refreshments on the bus and gratuities. Buses leave from the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and Center City, Philadelphia. Final itinerary and departure information will be mailed 10 days before the trip. Please call **Sally Kutyla, (215) 988-8775** if you need more information.

FIELD TRIP: The New York Botanical Garden and Wave Hill

Bronx, New York
Wed., October 7, 6:45am - 7:00pm

In our guided tour of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, we'll see upland and lowland rain forests, an aquatic plant house, the palm collection and desert galleries. After a box lunch in the garden Cafe, we'll explore the T.H. Everett Rock Garden, Jane Irwin Watson Perennial Garden and the native plant garden. Mid-afternoon, we'll travel to Wave Hill, 28 beautifully landscaped acres overlooking the Hudson River.

Program limit: 38. Fee of $74 for members and $79 for non-members includes bus transportation, refreshments on the bus, lunch and all entrance and tour guide fees. Choose pick-up location on reservation form: Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park or Center City.

WORKSHOP: Botanical Drawing

Thursday, October 8, 10:00 - 3:00pm
PHS Classroom

Learn the basic skills of botanical drawing with **Eileen Rosen**. Eileen is a graduate of Moore College of Art. She has taught botanical drawing at The University of the Arts, Philadelphia College of Arts and Design, The New York Botanical Garden, Morris Arboretum, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America. A list of suggested materials (less than $10) will be sent upon registration. Please bring a lunch. Program limit: 12. Members only. Fee: $50.

WORKSHOP: Planting a Potted Bulb Garden for Winter Forcing

Friday, October 9, 10:00 - Noon
Mostardi's Nursery, Newtown Square, PA

Steve Mostardi, general manager of Mostardi's Nursery, will teach the basics of forcing hardy bulbs. Each workshop participant will design and plant a mixed bulb garden in an 8" clay pot using a variety of hardy bulbs such as muscari, crocus, narcissus, and tulips. All materials will be provided. Program limit: 20. Fee: members $21; non-members $26.

ACCESSIBLE GARDENING: A Visit to Magee Rehabilitation

Wednesday, October 14, 10:00 - Noon
Philadelphia, PA

The **Community Learning Center for Accessible Gardening** is housed in Magee Rehabilitation's greenhouse on top of a six story building in Center City. This greenhouse is designed to be easily used by people with physical and cognitive disabilities.

Linda Ciccantelli, registered horticultural therapist and coordinator of Magee's horticultural therapy program, will lead our tour through this unique facility. Program limit: 30. Fee: members $12; non-members $15.

WORKSHOP: Botanical Illustration

6 Sessions, Thursdays, October 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, & 19;12:30 - 3:30pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Botanical illustrator **Louisa Rawle Tiné** returns with a six session course in botanical watercolor. Participants will learn precise brushwork and color mixing. Instruction is highly individualized and geared to all levels of ability and goals.

Louisa Rawle Tiné has worked as a professional artist and illustrator for nearly 30 years in both the commercial and fine arts fields. Program limit: 15 students. A materials list and travel instructions will be mailed upon registration. Members only. Fee: $140.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: Fall's Coming, Time to Put Your Garden to Work

Friday, October 16, Noon
PHS auditorium

Art Wolk, garden writer, photographer and Philadelphia Flower Show Grand Sweepstakes winner, will show you how outdoor cold frames and indoor fluorescent lights can help produce high-impact, high-yield flower and vegetable gardens inexpensively.

You'll learn how to put together a cold frame in minutes and how to start seeds now for a gorgeous spring garden. Please bring a lunch; PHS will supply a beverage. Fee: $5.00.

WORKSHOP: Arranging the Harvest

Tuesday, October 20, 10:00 - Noon
Eastern Center for Arts & Technology
Willow Grove, PA

Celebrate the harvest in this workshop with **Eva Monheim** of Eve's Floral Creations. Eva will demonstrate a variety of fresh flower arrangements using fruits and vegetables of the season as containers. Following the demonstration, each participant will create an arrangement to take home.

All materials will be provided. Please bring scissors or clippers and a box to transport your finished project. *The Eastern Center for Arts and Technology can be reached by public transportation.* Program limit: 25. Fee: members $49; non-members $54.

WORKSHOP: Plant Rescue

Friday, October 23, 10:00 - 2:00pm
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Karl Rider, perennial grower at Meadowbrook Farm, will instruct PHS members in the protocol, strategies and methods for "rescues"– the process of relocating native plants.

WAIT LIST

We'll meet at Meadowbrook Farm for a brief orientation, and then carpool to a natural area to hand-collect seeds from native grasses and perennials. After preparing the seeds, we'll go to Raytharn Farm on the Pennypack Trust property and sow the seeds for a meadow restoration. Program limit: 24. Please bring a lunch. Fee: members $10; non-members $13.

WORKSHOP: Propagating Perennials

Wednesday, October 28, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Learn how to increase the supply of your favorite perennials. **John Story**, general manager of Meadowbrook Farm, will give an overview of the techniques for propagating perennials in the fall. John will demonstrate the three most common methods of propagation: stem cuttings, root cuttings, and root division. He'll also explain how to determine the appropriate timing and method for your plants. Participants will have hands-on instruction and prepare root-cuttings and plant divisions to take home. Please bring scissors and clippers. Program limit: 20. Fee: members $24; non-members $29.

WORKSHOP: Holiday Vinegars and Herb Butters

Wednesday, November 11, 10:00–Noon
PHS classroom

Lorraine Kiefer, herb specialist from Triple Oaks Nursery and Herb Garden, will lead you through the steps for making flavored vinegars and herb-seasoned butters and share recipes and tips on ways to use them. Each participant will prepare two types of vinegar: cranberry-orange and Mediterranean herb, and make a sample of herb-seasoned butter to take home.

Please bring two clean jars up to a quart in size. Vinegar, herbs, and all other materials will be provided. Fee: members $34; non-members $39.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: No Shrinking Violets

Thursday, November 12, Noon–1:00pm
PHS auditorium

Judi Criswell, African Violet Society judge and past president of the Springfield African Violet Society, will share the secrets to growing lush healthy African violets. Learn when to water and fertilize, how to control insects, and how to encourage repeat blooming. Please bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

WORKSHOP: Holiday Fruit Centerpiece

Wednesday, November 18, 10:00–Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Learn how to combine fresh fruits, nuts, and greens to create a pyramid-style centerpiece for the holidays in this workshop with floral designer **Peggy Grady**. Each participant will make an arrangement using a cone-shaped form, seasonal fruits, and greens. All materials will be provided. Please bring a box to transport your arrangement. Program limit: 15. Travel directions will be mailed 10 days before the event. Fee: members $44; non-members $49.

Special Lecture: "Paradise" The Persian Garden

November 4, 1998 ,7:00pm
PHS auditorium

Patricia, Countess Jellicoe will explore the history of the symbolism and layout of the Persian garden from the "Paradou" or "Paradise" garden of the 5th century B.C. Achamenaen period using slides from her own travels.

Countess Jellicoe has lived in Shanghai, the Middle East, the United States, and London. She has lectured at many of the world's major museums, societies, and universities including the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum. Her frequent lectures at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York are very popular. She is an accomplished designer, antiques consultant and a distinguished member of numerous societies. Her writings have appeared in many publications including *Architectural Digest, Islamic Arts, Orient Express, Illustrated London News* and *The Spectator*.

Lecture begins at 7:00pm, followed by a dessert reception. **Note: The McLean Library will remain open until 6:45pm this evening.** Fee: members $19; non-members $24.

1998 Perennials Conference Tuesday, October 13, 9am - 4pm, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

The **1998 Perennials Conference for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries** will feature horticultural experts from a wide variety of disciplines.

Guest speakers include *Tony Avent* of Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, NC; *Michael Bowell* of Flora Design Gallery in Kimberton, PA; *Tracy DiSabato-Aust* from Sunbury, Ohio; *Gordon Hayward*, Putney, VT; *Darrell Probst* from Hubbardston, MA; *Martha Simon Pindale* of Bluemont Nursery, Monkton, MD; and *Lauren Springer* from Masonville, CO.

The Promising Plant Forum, a popular segment of the program, will feature *Sylvia Cooperman, Joe Henderson, Mark Huber, Marian Martin, Nancy O'Donnell, Bob Scanzaroli, Diane Walden-Rapalyea,* and *Lenny Wilson.*

This annual conference is jointly sponsored by the *Hardy Plant Society, Longwood Gardens, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society*, and *Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College.*

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Willow Grove, PA
Members $49_____
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❑**Workshop: Plant Rescue**
10/23/98, 10:00am - 2:00pm
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
Members $10_____
Non-members $13_____

❑**Workshop: Propagating Perennials**
10/28/98, 10:00am - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
Members $24_____
Non-members $29_____

❑**Workshop: Herbal Vinegars and Butters**
11/11/98; 10:00am - Noon
Members $34_____
Non-members $39_____

❑**Brown Bag Series: African Violets**
11/12/98; Noon – 1:00pm
Number attending $5_____

❑**Workshop: Holiday Fruit Centerpiece**
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Attend the Regional Urban Greening Forum

Friday, November 6, 9 - 5:30pm

PHS is coordinating this all day event dedicated to urban greening in cities and suburbs. The Forum will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia PA. **Please call Patricia Schrieber, (215) 988-8800 by October 23. Preregistration required. Fee: $15**

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FREE ARTISTIC SYMPOSIUM for the Philadelphia Flower Show

Tuesday, October 27, 10:00am

Janet Mills, veteran artistic exhibitor and judge, will present a program of pictures from major flower Shows at PHS headquarters, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor. Everyone is welcome! Reservations are not required.

Philadelphia Museum of Art's New Landscape Enhanced by Henry Moore Exhibit Sculptures

Now, more than ever, there's a wonderful incentive for you to visit the new landscape in the Philadelphia Museum of Art's East Courtyard: it's dotted with three monumental bronze sculptures of artist Henry Moore.

The timing couldn't have been better. PHS's restoration work and plantings on these grounds were complete this past winter. Said Nancy O'Donnell, Public Landscapes project manager, "The sculptures make the Courtyard come alive. Their form, scale and color interact with the landscape and building beautifully, drawing you around the plaza. I only wish they could stay forever."

The gorgeous bronze sculptures are part of the exhibition, *Henry Moore: A Centennial Salute; An Exhibition in Celebration of Philip I. Berman.* In addition to the three sculptures outside, you can see a collection of other works by Moore off the Great Stair Hall on the Museum's first floor.

The exhibition was organized in collaboration with the Fairmount Park Art Association, with support from The Henry Moore Foundation and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Perelman. It will be on view until November 29, 1998.

The Hotline....

A caller asks: When should I plant spring-blooming bulbs?

Spring-flowering bulbs are best planted as soon as you purchase them. Bulbs need time to establish good root systems before the ground freezes. If you can't plant bulbs immediately, keep them dry, dark, and cool to prevent premature growth. Plant bulbs at a depth of three times the bulb's height, with the tip pointing up.

A slow-release fertilizer, especially formulated for bulbs, can be worked into the soil. Bone meal may attract dogs and other animals who might dig up your bulbs. Underground diggers, such as moles and gophers, can be discouraged by laying wire mesh at the sides and bottom of the garden bed. Surface diggers, such as squirrels and chipmunks, can be discouraged by placing wire mesh over the bulbs and covering with soil.

The openings in the mesh should be large enough so that the plants will grow through the holes. Water well to settle the soil. Mulch the planted area to retain moisture, to moderate soil temperature, and to prevent winter heaving.

PHS's Horticultural Hotline is open Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 12 noon.
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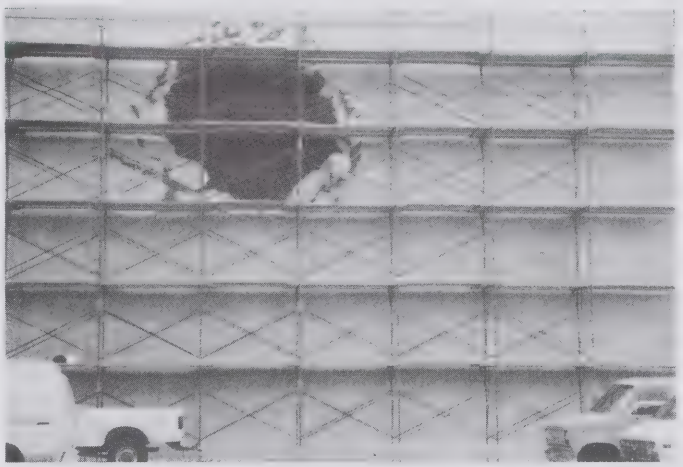
NEW PHS MURAL WILL DAZZLE CORNER OF 13TH AND ARCH



Artist David McShane begins the enormous task of painting a 40' high sunflower for the Society's new mural. The completed mural will stretch across a 115' by 42', four story building at the South West corner of 13th and Arch. The mural will be complete in December.

It's one of the last great walls in all of Philadelphia," said Jane Golden, Artistic Director for the Mural Arts Program, of the wall at 13th and Arch. "Its proximity to the Pennsylvania Convention Center, home of the Philadelphia Flower Show, makes it a perfect wall for PHS. And, since the wall is part of a historic building; it will be a protected site for many years."

Jane approached PHS in the summer of 1997 with a great idea: she wanted to celebrate collaborations with PHS by painting a mural for us. The Mural Arts program began in the eighties, since then they've painted many, many murals for PHS's Philadelphia Green (PG) sites. They've also worked on PG's Philadelphia Flower Show exhibit, recreating portions of these murals.

The new PHS mural has received generous funding from the Independenence Foundation, which has helped fund PHS's Philadelphia Green programs since 1993.

"The range of artists that applied, from portrait artists to landscape painters, was wonderful," said Anne Vallery, PHS Creative Services Coordinator and a member of the artist-selection panel for this mural. The winner was David McShane.

"What made David stand out was that he came to us with a unique concept for the mural right away; he was very passionate and enthusiastic," continued Anne.

David's idea-simple, lush and colorful-will make the wall at 13th and Arch Street a landmark spot for visitors to Philadelphia.

"I chose to create life-like plant portraits and use the subject in a unique way," said David. "I think the sunflower is a king of flowers, so I'm painting him with his leaves stretched out like a person."

A giant tomato is a vegetable every gardener grows, and will add bright, rich red to the mural. The daisies have a wonderful child-like quality. "My point is to surprise people with the vibrant colors and shapes of the plants, in contrast to the city streets. I want to draw them into the mural and to PHS," continued David thoughtfully.

(*See PHS Mural, back page*)

Plant These Great Woodies in Your Garden

The 1999 Gold Medal Plants

PHS's Gold Medal Plant Award program honors little-known and underused woody plants of exceptional merit and promise. Here are next year's winners.

•*Enkianthus perulatus* 'J.L.Pennock' (Zone 5-7). Commonly called "white Enkianthus," this woody has pure white, urn-shaped flowers with bright green foliage, which turns a brilliant red in fall. 'J.L. Pennock' has an exceptionally long season of fall color.

•*Metasequoia glyptostroboides* (Zone 4-8). The dawn redwood has fern-like, light green foliage, russet fall color, a handsome fluted trunk and a rapid growth rate. This tree was once thought extinct.

•*Acer palmatum* 'Waterfall' (Zone 5-8). PHS president Jane Pepper says, "There's little to beat the graceful habit of Japanese maples, not to mention the endless variety of leaf colors and shapes."

Watch for your November/December issue of *Green Scene* to learn more about these exceptional plants in the article, *Put a Little Gold in Your Garden*, by Richard L. Bitner.

For source information on winning plants or a detailed portrait sheet, call (215) 988- 8823. For information on how to enter a woody plant for next year's contest, call (215) 988-8800.

THE WAGNER FREE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE PRESENTS TWO FREE 12-WEEK COURSES:

PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science have come together again to co-sponsor two free 12-week courses. Both will be held at the PHS offices, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495.

The courses, **Concepts of Plant Ecology** and **Plant Pest Control**, are free and open to the public. Owing to space limitations, however, these courses require preregistration. To pregister, please call (215) 763-6529, ext. 23. When you preregister, ask for a catalog or a suggested readings list.

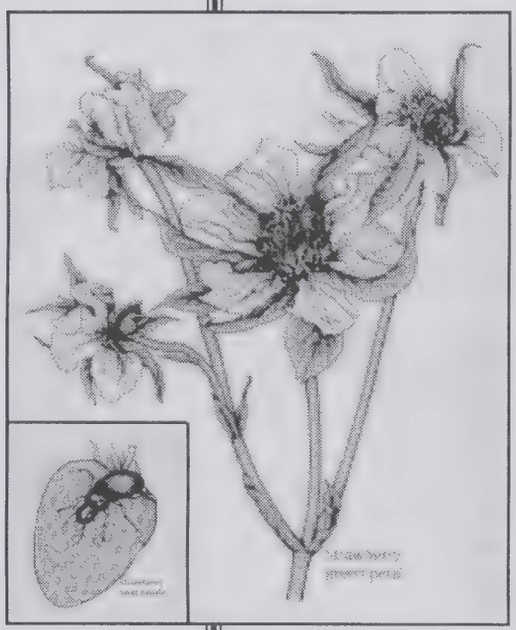


Illustration from the *Royal Horticultural Society's Encyclopedia of Practical Gardening*. The book is available at the McLean Library of PHS.

Plant Pest Control

Monday, January 25 - Monday, March 1, 1999. 7:00pm - 8:15pm

One of the constant problems faced by gardeners, horticulturists, and agriculturalists is the occurence of plant pests. Viruses, bacteria, fungi, insects and other plants work to defeat our best efforts to grow plants that are healthy and produce to maximum levels.

In this lecture series, Professor John R. Porter, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Sciences, will show how to integrate pest management through use of biological and chemical controls. He'll consider new chemical and biological pesticides with high specificity and low environmental impact.

Concepts of Plant Ecology

Monday, March 20 - Monday, May 3, 1999. 7:00pm - 8:15pm

This course, also taught by Professor John R. Porter, will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00pm-8:15pm, March 29th - May 3rd.

How do plants interact with the biological and abiological factors in the environment? In this lecture series, Professor Porter will cover such topics as populations and communities, plant succession, biogeographic provinces and others.

SPECIAL LECTURE *Paradise: The Persian Garden*

November 4, 1998, 7:00pm, PHS auditorium

Patricia, Countess Jellicoe will explore the history of the symbolism and layout of the Persian garden from the "Paradou" or "Paradise" garden of the Achamenaen period in the 5th century B.C. She will use slides from her own travels to illustrate.

Countess Jellicoe has lived in Shanghai, the Middle East, the United States, and London. She has lectured at many of the world's major museums, societies, and universities including the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum. Her frequent lectures at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York are very popular. She is an accomplished designer, antiques consultant and a distinguished member of numerous societies. Her writings have appeared in many publications including *Architectural Digest*, *Islamic Arts*, *Orient Express*, *Illustrated London News* and *The Spectator*.

The lecture begins at 7:00pm, followed by a dessert reception. **Note: The McLean Library will remain open until 6:45pm this evening.** Fee: $24; members $19.

FALL ACTIVITIES FOR MEMBERS

Reservations, required for all members' programs, must be made through the reservation form in the PHS *News.* To pay by credit card, please call **Linda Davis, (215) 988-8776 or email, *ldavis@pennhort.org.*** A description of each program appears in two consecutive issues of the PHS *News*:an April event will be listed in March and April. Sign up early! Many of the members' activities have limited registration and fill quickly.

The fee for PHS field trips, unless otherwise noted, includes bus transportation, all entrance and guide fees, lunch, light refreshments on the bus and gratuities. Buses leave from the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and Center City, Philadelphia. Final itinerary and departure information will be mailed 10 days before the trip. Please call **Sally Kutyla, (215) 988-8775,** if you need more information.

WORKSHOP: Holiday Vinegars and Herb Butters

Wednesday, November 11, 10:00–Noon
PHS classroom

Lorraine Kiefer, herb specialist from Triple Oaks Nursery and Herb Garden, will lead you through the steps for making flavored vinegars and herb-seasoned butters, and share recipes and tips on ways to use them. Each participant will prepare two types of vinegar: cranberry-orange and Mediterranean herb, and make a sample of herb-seasoned butter to take home.

Please bring two clean jars up to a quart in size. Vinegar, herbs, and all other materials will be provided. Fee: $39; members $34.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: No Shrinking Violets

Thursday, November 12, Noon – 1:00pm
PHS auditorium

Judi Criswell, African Violet Society judge and past president of the Springfield African Violet Society, will share the secrets to growing lush healthy African violets. Learn when to water and fertilize, how to control insects, and how to encourage repeat blooming. Please bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

WORKSHOP: Holiday Fruit Centerpiece

Wednesday, November 18, 10:00–Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Learn how to combine fresh fruits, nuts, and greens to create a pyramid-style centerpiece for the holidays in this workshop with floral designer **Peggy Grady**. Each participant will make an arrangement using a cone-shaped form, seasonal fruits, and greens. All materials will be provided. Please bring a box to transport your arrangement. Program limit: 15. Fee: $49; members $44.

WORKSHOP: Holiday Wreaths and Greens

Thursday, December 3, 10:00 - Noon
Primex Garden Center, Glenside, PA

Eva Monheim, from Eve's Floral Creations, will show you how to make the most of your holiday greens and decorations. Learn how to use natural and dried materials to embellish wreaths, roping and swags. Eve will share tips for easy "designer" decorations, including how to make beautiful bows.

Everyone will decorate a 20" double-faced balsam fir wreath to take home. Please bring scissors. All materials will be provided. Travel directions will be mailed ten days before the program. Note: Primex Garden Center can be easily reached by public transportation. Fee: $54; members $49.

THE HARVEST SHOW TEACHES US TO CELBRATE PLANTS

This year's Philadelphia Harvest Show "Did You Know? . . . Harvest Trivia" was a great success. There were 2,468 entries from over 655 individual gardeners and 40 community gardens. Entries included 1,789 horticulture entries, 624 youth entries and 55 design entries.

Entrants brought their carefully arranged, lovingly grown snap beans, sugar snap peas, rainbow peppers, orange, red, or yellow tomatoes and other vegetables and fruits; they brought their vinegars, their wines and syrups; they brought exquisitely executed pressed plants and baked goods. What a delight to absorb the delicious fragrance of flowers and garden odors and feast our eyes on the array of colors. Sweepstakes winners from this year include:

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The Virginia Brooke Pennypacker Gardener's Sweepstakes Award to the individual winning the greatest number of Blue Ribbons in two or more horticulture sections: **Amy Goldman** from Rhinebeck, NY.

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The PHS Club Sweepstakes Certificate to the Horticultural Organization winning the Greatest Number of Blue Ribbons: **Four Counties Garden Club.**

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The PHS Community Garden Sweepstakes Certificate to the Community Garden Winning the Greatest Number of Blue Ribbons in the Show: **The Spring Garden.**

Major Awards To Be Announced at the Annual Members' Meeting

Since its founding in 1827, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society has recognized the horticultural accomplishments and contributions of individuals, businesses and organizations with major awards. The awardees, chosen by PHS's Awards Committee, will be announced at the November 17 Annual Meeting of Members, at 5:00pm.

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The Distinguished Achievement Medal is awarded to an individual from the mid-Atlantic States who has made outstanding contributions to the field of horticulture in an area of particular interest to PHS:

Lee M. Raden, horticulturist, teacher, leader and PHS supporter, Lee has redefined the word "avid" in his pursuit of growing plants to their greatest potential. He has won top awards at the Flower Show and inspired other exhibitors by his outstanding presentations of rare and unusual bulbs and alpine plants. Lee served two terms as president of the North American Rock Garden Society, has been a member of PHS Council and a tireless PHS volunteer.

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The Certificate of Merit is awarded to an individual(s), organization, institution or business corporation for outstanding contributions to (or achievements in) horticulture or horticultural activities:

Iris Brown and **Tomasita Romero** have brought about a dramatic transformation to Norris Square in North Philadelphia. Through trying times, they kept the vision of Norris Square as the first Hispanic Greene Countrie Towne, envisioning gardens as a way to honor Puerto Rican culture.

Stephanie Cohen is a woman of many talents: popular writer and lecturer, gardener, garden designer, perennial plant expert, nursery professional, teacher and mentor for students at Temple University. Stephanie has generated interest and enthusiasm for ornamental horticulture among amateurs and professionals with her well-organized lectures and contributions to a variety of trade publications.

Sylvia Lin is a dedicated horticulturist who loves plants and loves tending them. The list of Flower Show awards she has won is extensive, including the PHS Horticultural Sweepstakes eight times and runner-up nine times. Sylvia has also served on the Members Committee for 12 years. five of them as chair.

Leila Cleaves Peck is best known for launching and leading the student horticultural group at Shipley School known as the Shipley Sprouts. Over the years, many Shipley Sprouts have won an amazing number of awards and their contribution to the Horticourt is impressive. As a horticulturist and president of the Garden Club of Philadelphia, Leila has promoted the practice of all things horticultural.

Volunteer at the 1999 Philadelphia Flower Show

Join us at the Pennsylvania Convention Center as a behind-the-scenes volunteer from March 5 - March 12, 1999. If you would like to help, check the roles that interest you and return this form to PHS. Be on the lookout for more Flower Show volunteer opportunities in future issues of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society News.

Exhibitor Aides - Help exhibitors transport plants from D Hall to freight elevator and to entry area. Entry level job.
Runners - Carry cards for corrections to and from typing table. Entry level job.
Recorders - Log information for a plant's entry into the Show. Attention to detail and an ability to keep calm under pressure

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Please return to: Marge Meer, 100 N. 20th Street-5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103 by **Dec. 1, 1998.** We will contact you with more information.

Reservations

Fill out and mail this page to: **PHS Activities, attn: 100 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495**
Please include full payment. Reservations may also be made by phone. Call (215) 988-8800. Please have your Visa or Mastercard ready. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. ***Confirmations for all events will be mailed except for Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series.*** Travel directions for events held outside of PHS, and final itineraries for field trips, will be mailed ten days prior to the event. There is limited space for all activities. Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of PHS *News*.

Refunds and cancellations: If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:
$3 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.
$5 fee for one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than four days prior to the event.

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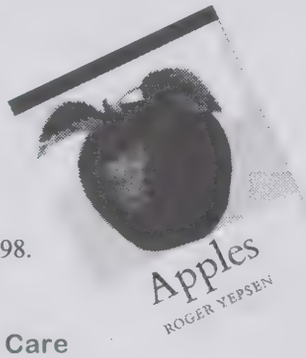

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☐ **Botanical Orchids And How To Grow Them.** Jack Kramer, 1998. *SB409 .K89b*

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☐ **Burpee: The Complete Vegetable And Herb Gardener: A Guide To Growing Your Garden Organically.** Karan Davis Cutler, 1997. *SB321 .C989*

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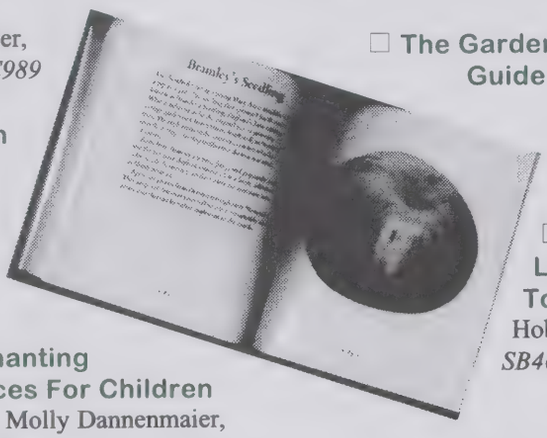

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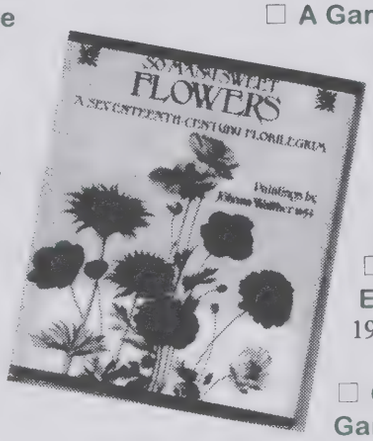

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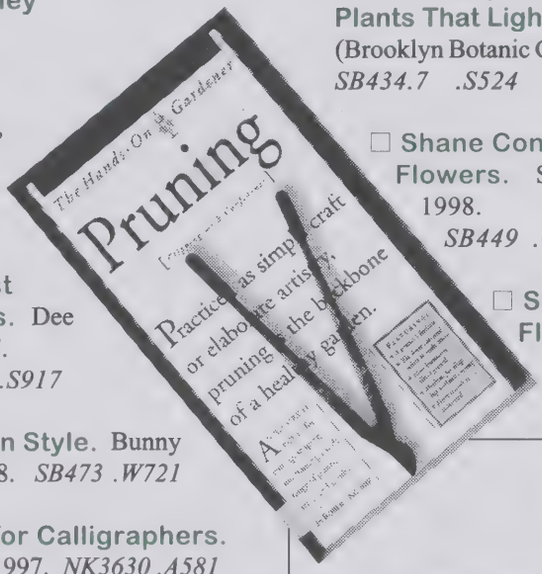

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☐ **The Savage Garden: Cultivating Carnivorous Plants.** Peter D'Amato, 1998. *SB432.7 .D155*

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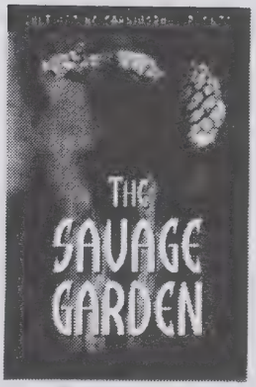

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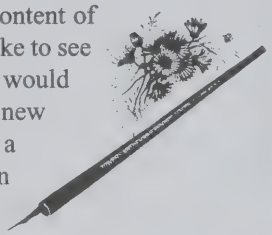

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PHS Mural (continued from page one)

David graduated with a BA in Biology from LaSalle University, and an MFA in painting from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

To paint the mural, David will use 32 gallons of special ordered exterior acrylic latex paint. Prepping for the painting included photographing the wall, scaling out the mural drawing on paper, priming the wall, then chalking on hundreds of two by two foot squares with segments of the drawing. "It's the puzzle approach," David added, with a grinning, paint-splotched face.

"I'll get some people from the Mural Arts program out here to help me paint out the drawing. Jane would like to be among the helpers," he continued.

Notes Lisa Stephano, PHS Marketing and Public Relations Manager, "The goal of the mural is to motivate people and this artist has achieved that goal through his rendering." She continued, "What a beautiful way for us to express our mission as an organization. People will look at this mural from the street and be moved by the beauty of art and nature."

Added Blaine Bonham, PHS Executive Vice President, "This mural is a tremendous opportunity to increase PHS's visibility in Center City. Given our new mission-*the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture*-it allows us to highlight our new initiatives."

To see the mural going up, and to see David in action, visit the site at 13th and Arch Street. David will be the person braving the intricate and enormous scaffolding, paint brush in hand. ■

Spring in England *Join Jane Pepper for a Tour of Gardens of Derbyshire, Suffolk and London, June 7-19, 1999*

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The Hotline....

A caller asks . . . Is it too late to prune flowering shrubs?

It's too late for some but not for others. Some flowering shrubs should be pruned right after the blooming period. If you prune too late, you'll cut off the buds for next year; if you prune too early, the flowers will never bloom.

For example, forsythia is a plant that blooms on wood formed in the previous spring, and should be pruned in late spring to provide blooming buds for next year.

Prune roses between autumn and the time when the leaves first emerge in the spring. This will eliminate diseased material carried over the winter, and lessen wind damage.

The purpose of pruning is to remove a part of the plant that is unhealthy or unattractive. If you need to remove damaged or diseased branches, use a sharp tool, and cut back to healthy wood just above a bud. Disinfect your pruning tool to prevent the spread the disease.

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Now You Can Choose! Check Out New Membership Benefits

The Society has just completed a new strategic plan, an exciting and energizing experience that will chart our direction for years to come.

Part of the Society's Strategic Plan involved a two-year study of membership—its structure, benefits, and an analysis of what members want and value. The culmination of the study is a brand-new membership package unveiled this fall for those whose membershipexpiration date is December 31. Now you can choose the type of membership that best suits you from a variety of options.

The category closest to what you had for 1998 is the *Full Membership* benefit, with options to receive two, three, or four members' tickets to the Philadelphia Flower Show. In addition, there are four other categories that will allow you to include a tax-deductible contribution to PHS, which will help fund Philadelphia Green, the Society's urban-greening program.

New categories with a slightly different twist are *Associate* and *Subscriber Memberships*. The *Associate Membership* offers basic benefits, but not the *Green Scene* or Flower Show tickets for members' preview on opening day.

Subscriber Memberships are perfect for those who don't need Show tickets, live outside the region, or are mostly interested in *Green Scene* and Library privileges.

Changes in any program are a little confusing at first, so please remember we are here to help you find a category to best meet your needs. If you have questions, please call membership, 215-988-8778/ 8776. Thanks for renewing for 1999. We enjoy having you with us and look forward to a stellar year. ■

Volunteers Gather Forces to Build a New Playground at Carroll Park

by Jeff Tober, PG Program Coordinator

On Saturday, October 10th, Carroll Park at 58th and Girard Avenue became home to two new tot-lots and a swing set. How did Carroll Park neighbors achieve such an exciting task? By participating in Philadelphia Green's Parks Revitalization Project*, funded by the William Penn Foundation, they were able to gather people from the neighborhood and beyond to create the playground.

Droves of volunteers, including members of the Iron Workers Local 401, arrived to build the playground, and attend to the parks' greenery. By noon, T-shirts had been handed out, every tool was in use, and the cement truck was pouring the footings (generously dug by employees from Fresh Fields Whole Foods Market the day before) for the completed play area!

Councilman Michael Nutter read a letter from Recreation Commissioner Michael DiBerardinis, and raised the park's flag to dedicate the playground.

Volunteers also enjoyed a free lunch provided (and cooked) by employees from Mercy Hospital, and Odwalla Juice Company. All were entertained by the Bill Booker Jazz Trio, members of the Umoja Steppers & Drum Corps, and Steppin' in the Light.

The Carroll Park Neighbors are thrilled to have something for the many families in their neighborhood. Philadelphia Green and the Carroll Park neighbors offer thanks to everyone who helped make this special day a reality: Please Touch Museum, Network Arts Philadelphia, Carroll Park Community Council, Coca Cola, Friends of Mifflin Square, students from Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania, the Nineteenth Police District, and all of the members from the community. ■

*Parks participating in the project: Fairhill Square, Wharton Square, Elmwood Park, Vernon Park, Malcolm X Memorial Park, Gorgas Park, and Wissinoming Park.

SPECIAL TRIPS FOR MEMBERS

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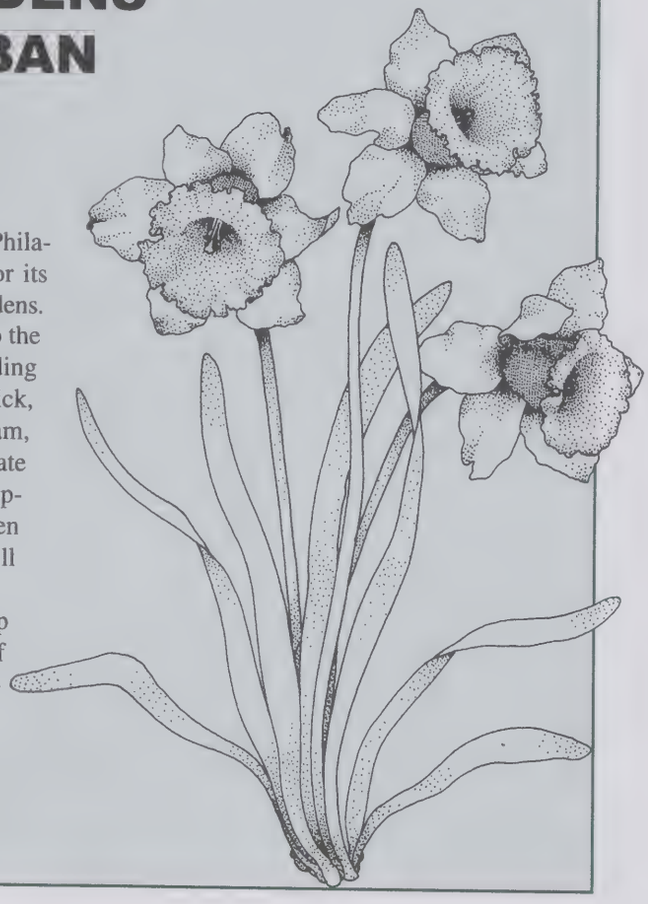
VISIT GARDENS IN SUBURBAN BOSTON

May 17 - 21, 1999

The Boston area, like greater Philadelphia, is a region known for its splendid private and public gardens. Join us for this five-day trip to the Boston area to see outstanding private gardens in South Natick, Marblehead, Weston, Dedham, and Salem. We'll travel by private coach to Massachusetts, stopping at Caprilands Herb Farm en route. On the return trip, we'll visit Logee's Greenhouses.

Betsy Gullan, PHS membership manager, and Jean Lenehan of *Tours a la Carte* will accompany the group.

The itinerary is ready; to receive your copy, please call: (215)-988-8778, x8776; email: *bgullan@pennhort.org*



Our New Mission Statement:

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

From its Strategic Planning Process completed this fall, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society created this dynamic, action-oriented mission statement. The statement-simple, straightforward, and easy to remember- reflects the Society's vision for the future.

The statement reflects our goals and new directions for working with our broad range of constituents in the 21st Century. We hope the new mission will inspire you to join us in creating a sense of community through horticulture.

PHS News Editor Moves On

After three years of dedicated work, Lauri A. Brunton—PHS Publications Associate and editor of *The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society News* and *Philadelphia Green* newsletters— will be leaving us in December to venture on towards new horizons. Long an advocate of land preservation and other environmental issues, she will be moving to Bucks County to begin earning a Masters degree in the area of land preservation. Lauri will continue to work as a freelance editor and writer, and to write occasionally for PHS publications.

GARDENS Of **SPAIN**

April 6 - 19, 1999

This wonderful trip to Spain highlights fascinating, exotic gardens and sights in two Spanish provinces: Madrid and Andalusia. The Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, and Moors who settled Spain all left their imprints in the Spanish culture.

This tour features visits to private and public gardens and an array of interesting historical and contemporary sights. We'll visit the Prado, one of the world's great art museums. We'll also see ancient sites like the great Roman aqueduct in Segovia, built without mortar or cement thousands of years ago; palaces built by Moorish and Bourbon kings; and gardens from the last century restored to their glorious beginnings.

Overnight accommodations are deluxe or superior first-class hotels in Madrid, Seville, the Costa del Sol, and Granada. Our Spanish guide will be *Jesus Moraime*, a landscape designer who studied in England and has worked throughout Spain.

We hope you will join us for this special trip—and be sure to bring your camera.

Itineraries are ready. To receive your copy, please call Membership, 215-988-8778/8776, email *bgullan@pennhort.org* Betsy Gullan, PHS membership manager, and Jean Lenehan of *Tours a la Carte* will accompany the group.

Flower Show Volunteers Needed

MEMBERSHIP

Patricia Sanders, chair of the Members Committee, invites you to volunteer to sell memberships at the 1999 Philadelphia Flower Show. If you enjoy talking with people and are enthusiastic about selling memberships, we'd like to have you with us. To respond, please check the box on the reservation form, call Membership at (215)-988-8778 or x8776, or e-mail *bgullan@pennhort.org* A membership sales training session will be held in early February.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Join us at the Pennsylvania Convention Center as a behind-the-scenes volunteer from March 5 - March 12, 1999. If you would like to help, check the roles that interest you and return this form to PHS. Be on the lookout for more Flower Show volunteer opportunities in future issues of *The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society News*.

❑ **Exhibitor Aides** - Help exhibitors transport plants from D Hall to freight elevator and to entry area. Entry level job.
❑ **Runners** - Carry cards for corrections to and from typing table. Entry level job.
❑ **Recorders** - Log information for a plant's entry into the Show. Attention to detail and an ability to keep calm under pressure

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Please return to: Marge Meer, 100 N. 20th Street-5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103 by **Jan. 1, 1998.**
We will contact you with more information.

FALL & WINTER ACTIVITIES FOR MEMBERS

Reservations, required for all members' programs, must be made through the reservation form in the *The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society News.* To pay by credit card, please call **Sally Kutyla, (215) 988-8775 or email skutyla@pennhort.org** A description of each program appears in two consecutive issues of *The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society News*: e.g., an April event will be listed in March and April. Sign up early! Many of the members' activities have limited registration and fill quickly.

The fee for PHS field trips, unless otherwise noted, includes bus transportation, all entrance and guide fees, lunch, light refreshments on the bus, and gratuities. Buses leave from the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and Center City, Philadelphia. Final itinerary and departure information will be mailed 10 days before the trip. Please call **Sally Kutyla, (215) 988-8775,** if you need more information.

WORKSHOP: Holiday Wreaths and Greens

Thursday, December 3, 10:00 - Noon
Primex Garden Center, Glenside, PA

Eva Monheim, from Eve's Floral Creations, will show you how to make the most of your holiday greens and decorations. Learn how to use natural and dried materials to embellish wreaths, roping, and swags.

Everyone will decorate a 20" double-faced balsam-fir wreath to take home. Please bring scissors. All materials will be provided. Travel directions will be mailed before the program. Note: Primex Garden Center can be easily reached by public transportation. Fee: $54; members $49.

WORKSHOP: Houseplant Propagation

Tuesday, January 12, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Learn to increase your houseplant supply. *John Story*, general manager of Meadowbrook Farm, will demonstrate common methods of houseplant propagation: stem cuttings, leaf cuttings, and division. After the demonstration, members will propagate plants to take home. Please bring clippers, scissors, and a sharp knife. Program limit: 24. Fee: $29; members $24.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: The Wired Gardener

Wednesday, January 13, Noon
PHS auditorium

Take a gardening tour of useful resources on the World Wide Web with PHS Librarian *Janet Evans*. Learn to search the web with directories and search engines. Discover websites where you can look up plant information, search gardening library catalogs, and plan a garden tour for your next vacation. Bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

WORKSHOP: Botanical Drawing

Thursday, January 14, 10:00 - 3:00pm
PHS classroom

Sharpen your botanical drawing skills in this one day workshop with *Eileen Rosen*. Learn the basic skills of botanical drawing. Individual instruction will be tailored for all levels of experience; beginners are welcome. A list of suggested materials (less than $10) will be sent upon registration. Please bring a lunch. Program limit: 12. Members only. Fee: $50.

WORKSHOP: Safe Pest Management for the Home Garden

Tuesday, January 19, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Jessica Story, horticulturist at Meadowbrook Farm, will explain how to use IPM (Integrated Pest Management techniques) to control garden pests in a manner safe for people, pets, and the environment. IPM relies more on cultural practices and biological controls than traditional pesticides. Jessica will show you how to identify the most common pests of house and garden plants, and suggest techniques for their control. Fee: $17; members $14.

LECTURE: Gardens! In Spite of the Odds

Wednesday, January 20, 7:00pm
PHS auditorium

Abbie Zabar is an artist, writer, and designer. When all else fails, she gardens. For over twenty years she's been gardening from her point of view– high above New York's Central Park tree line. Abbie has received numerous writing and design awards, including many from Garden Writers of America. Two of her books, *The Potted Herb*, which has sold more than 50,000 copies, and *A Growing Gardener* will be available for signing. Program begins at 7:00pm followed by a dessert reception. The PHS McLean Library will remain open until 6:45pm this evening. Fee: $20; members $17.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: California Dreaming

Thursday, January 21, Noon
PHS auditorium

Chase away January's chill and join us for a slide tour of California gardens. *Christopher Woods*, director of Chanticleer in Wayne, will be our guide on this whirlwind excursion to some of California's most famous gardens and some lesser known gardens well-worth visiting. Bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: The Cottage Garden

Thursday, January 28, Noon
PHS auditorium

Emphasizing perennials, roses, and their companion plants, *Shelley Dillard* will explore this informal garden style that uses easily cultivated and often fragrant plants. Shelley has been the plant propagator at Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania for eleven years. Please bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

Reservations

Fill out and mail this page to: **PHS Activities, attn: Sally Kutyla, 100 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495**
Please include full payment. Reservations may also be made by phone. Call (215) 988-8775. Please have your Visa or Mastercard ready. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. ***Confirmations for all events will be mailed except for Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series.*** Travel directions will be mailed for events away from PHS. There is limited space for all activities. Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of *The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society News*.

Refunds and cancellations: If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:
$3 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.
$5 fee for one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than four days prior to the event.

❑ **Workshop: Wreaths**
12//3/98; 10:00 - Noon
Primex Garden Center, Glenside, PA
Fee $54_____
Members $ 49_____

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1/13/99, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium
Number attending $5_____

❑ **Workshop: Botanical Drawing**
1/14/99, 10:00 - 3:00pm
PHS Classroom
Members only $50_____

❑ **Safe Pest Management**
1/19/99, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
Fee $17_____ Members $14_____

❑ **Lecture: Gardens! In Spite of the Odds**
1/20/99, 7:00pm
PHS Auditorium
Fee: $20_____ Members $17_____

❑ **Brown Bag Lunch Series: California Dreaming**
1/21/99; Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium
Number attending $5_____

❑ **Brown Bag Lunch Series: Cottage Garden**
1/28/99; Noon - 1:00pm
Number attending $5_____

❑ **Yes, I would like to volunteer at the Membership Sales Booth at the 1999 Philadelphia Flower Show.**

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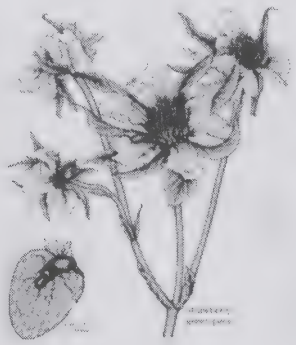
The Wagner Free Institute of Science Presents Free Courses:

After last year's grand success, PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science again co-sponsor two free 6-week courses. Both will be held at the PHS offices, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495.

The courses, **Concepts of Plant Ecology** and **Plant Pest Control**, are free and open to the public. Owing to space limitations, however, these courses require preregistration. To pregister, please call (215) 763-6529, ext. 23. When you preregister, ask for a catalog or a suggested readings list.



Plant Pest Control
Monday, January 25 - Monday, March 1, 1999. 7:00pm - 8:15pm

One of the constant problems faced by gardeners, horticulturists, and agriculturalists is the occurence of plant pests. Viruses, bacteria, fungi, insects and other plants work to defeat our best efforts to grow plants that are healthy and produce to maximum levels.

In this lecture series, Professor John R. Porter, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Sciences, will show how to integrate pest management through use of biological and chemical controls. He'll consider new chemical and biological pesticides with high specificity and low environmental impact.

Concepts of Plant Ecology
Monday, March 29 - Monday, May 3, 1999. 7:00pm - 8:15pm

How do plants interact with the biological and abiological factors in the environment? In this lecture series, Professor Porter will cover such topics as populations and communities, plant succession, biogeographic provinces and others.

PHS Hotline.... How do I plant a live holiday tree?

First, decide where the tree will be planted, and dig the hole before the ground freezes. Fill the hole loosely with leaves or mulch, and cover it with plastic to protect any excavated soil from freezing.

A live tree should not be indoors for more than 10 days. If the tree is exposed to too much warmth, it will break dormancy and begin to grow. Any new growth will die when the tree is taken outdoors to plant. Keep the root ball moist, and protect your flooring with plastic. Live trees are heavy- it's better to slide the root ball than roll it. Rolling may break the ball.

Remove the leaves or mulch from the hole, gently set the tree in, fill with the reserved soil, and water well. Burlap and twine will decompose, but it is recommended to pull the burlap away from the trunk. Plastic or metal bindings should be removed. Mulch so that the soil will not freeze deeply and prevent the roots from taking up moisture

The Hotline is closed for the month of December, and will re-open Monday, January 4, 1999. Many thanks to our volunteers who answered more than 2,000 horticultural questions this past year: Kathy Andersen, Sue Armstrong, Toni Brinton, Alice Doering, Elizabeth Farley, Tam Hartell, Louis Hood, Elise Payne, Lee Raden, Sandy Salkeld, Alan Slack, Irene Slater, John Swan, Mary Ann Thomas, and Mary Lou Wolfe.

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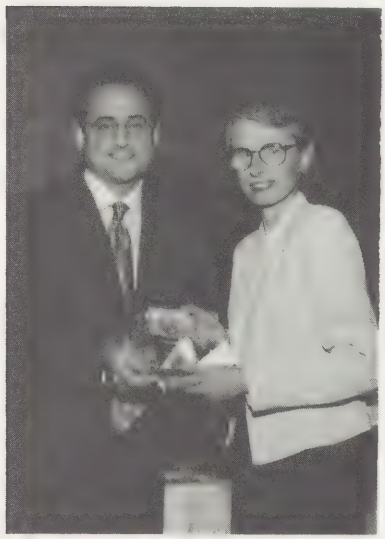
PHS President Jane Pepper Receives "World Class Philadelphians" Award



David Lipson, President and Publisher of *Philadelphia Magazine*, presents Jane Pepper with one of this year's "World Class Philadelphians" Awards. She was one of ten notable Philadelphians chosen for innovation, accomplishments and international impact in their fields.

Vision. Exploration. Ambition. That's how *Philadelphia Magazine* described Jane in their special November 1998 90th anniversary edition, following their "World Class Philadelphians" Awards ceremony.

The ceremony, held at the Ritz-Carlton in November, was in honor of the magazine's 90th anniversary. To make it an extra special celebration, *Philadelphia Magazine* teamed up with the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce to find 10 individuals deserving of the title "World Class Philadelphians."

On presenting Jane with the award, David Lipson, President and Publisher of *Philadelphia Magazine*, described Jane as a person "who gets things done and who makes things happen." Mayor Ed Rendell, also in attendance, called Jane "a true heroine who is working with her colleagues at PHS to transform Philadelphia block by block."

In her typically gracious manner, Jane acknowledged the critical role that all PHS staff members and volunteers play both in the transformation of Philadelphia's vacant lots and in the success of the Philadelphia Flower Show. "The Show attracts over 275,000 visitors, countless exhibitors and an army of 3,500 volunteers." She noted, "I was lucky enough to receive the award, but it's the hard work of volunteers that makes it possible for PHS to be a great organization."

Added Lisa Stephano, PHS PR and Marketing Director, "What stands out in my mind is that each of the honorees, upon receiving the award, felt that the work they contributed to the city was no more than what many citizens work to achieve."

Other honorees were Ambassador Walter H. Annenberg, Edmund N. Bacon, Dr. Baruch S. Blumberg, Bill Cosby, The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., Lawrence R. Klein, Georges Perrier, Willard G. Rouse, III and The Reverend Leon H. Sullivan.

Learn About Philadelphia Green's Diverse Programs Through *Impact 2000*

Impact 2000, a new Pennsylvania Horticultural Society newsletter launched in August, is a periodic informational series from the Society's Philadelphia Green program. These reports are intended to raise the awareness of public policy makers and others who work to improve Philadelphia.

The first report in August focused on Philadelphia's vacant land, outlining our work done to date and describing exciting recent developments. September's report looked at Philadelphia Green's efforts to revitalize neighborhood parks. *Impact 2000* in October highlighted PHS's community gardening efforts.

Future reports will focus on trees and the urban environment; our partnerships with community development corporations to incorporate greening and open-space planning into their neighborhood improvement plans; our work with the public and private sector to remake the city's public landscapes; and other facets of Philadelphia Green.

For more info or to request a copy, please contact John Gannon, (215)988-8809; email: *jgannon@pennhort.org*

SPECIAL TRIPS FOR MEMBERS

ENGLAND IN SPRING JUNE 7 - 19, 1999

Join Jane Pepper for a Tour of Gardens in Derbyshire, Suffolk and London

Next summer, join Jane Pepper for a 12-day tour of large and small English gardens. *Micky Blacklock*, who has organized several tours for PHS to gardens in Scotland and England, will be our guide. We will stay in first-class hotels, starting with The Cavendish at Baslow, in the heart of the Peak District and owned by the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire.

A special visit at Chatsworth, home of the Devonshire family, will include private tours of the greenhouse and garden. In subsequent days in Derbyshire, we will visit small gardens with breathtaking views, the Peak District National Park, and a beautiful old estate.

On our way to Suffolk, we will stop at a garden designed by Rosemary Verey, before arriving at the Swan Hotel, Lavenham, where we will stay for five nights. Visits in this area will include the College Gardens in Cambridge. In one, the owner specializes in clematis; another has rose gardens and a moated house built in 1510; we'll also visit Beth Chatto's garden and nursery. Stops in London will incude small gardens in Kensington and a farewell dinner south of the Thames.

For a brochure, please contact Carol Lindemann, (215) 988-8818 or by email *clindema@pennhort.org*

GARDENS Of SPAIN APRIL 6 - 19, 1999

This wonderful trip to Spain highlights fascinating, exotic gardens and sights in two Spanish provinces: Madrid and Andalusia. The Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, and Moors who settled Spain all left their imprints in the Spanish culture.

This tour features visits to private and public gardens and an array of interesting historical and contemporary sights. We'll visit the Prado, one of the world's great art museums. We'll also see ancient sites like the great Roman aqueduct in Segovia, built without mortar or cement thousands of years ago; palaces built by Moorish and Bourbon kings; and gardens from the last century restored to their glorious beginnings.

Overnight accommodations are deluxe or superior first-class hotels in Madrid, Seville, the Costa del Sol, and Granada. Our Spanish guide will be *Jesus Moraime*, a landscape designer who studied in England and has worked throughout Spain. We hope you will join us for this special trip—and be sure to bring your camera.

Itineraries are ready. To receive your copy, please call Membership, (215) 988-8778/ 8776 or email Betsy Gullan, PHS Membership Manager, *bgullan@pennhort.org;* Jean Lenehan of *Tours a la Carte* will accompany the group.

VISIT GARDENS IN SUBURBAN BOSTON MAY 17 - 21, 1999

The Boston area, like greater Philadelphia, is a region known for its splendid private and public gardens.

Join us for this five-day trip to see outstanding private gardens in South Natick, Marblehead, Weston, Dedham, and Salem. We'll travel by private coach to Massachusetts, stopping at Caprilands Herb Farm en route. On the return trip, we'll visit Logee's Greenhouses.

Betsy Gullan, PHS Membership Manager, and Jean Lenehan of *Tours a la Carte* will accompany the group.

The itinerary is ready; to receive your copy, please call: (215) 988-8778, x8776; email: *bgullan@pennhort.org*

PHS "Party For The Parks" Celebrates Philadelphia Green's Wonderful Volunteers

City Councilman Rick Mariano, Department of Recreation Commisioner Michael DeBerardinis, and Charles McKinney, Administrator of Riverside Park in Manhattan, joined Executive Vice President Blaine Bonham, Jr. and President Jane G. Pepper to recognize volunteers at the "Party for the Parks," held at the PHS offices on Wednesday, November 11.

The awards ceremony recognized individual volunteers and "Friends of Parks" groups that have worked with corporations, private foundations, local businesses, and the city to maintain some of the many parks in Philadelphia. The presentation highlighted the Philadelphia Green Parks Revitalization Project and PHS's partnership with the city and its communities.

Philadelphia Green, PHS's community outreach program, has had a unique partnership with various park groups for close to a decade. By engaging community residents and leaders in the important process of revitalizing area parks—as well as by training community groups to care for their immediate neighborhoods—community organizations can sustain the parks as vibrant centers of neighborhood activity.

Flower Show Tickets To Be Mailed

Watch your mailbox for your 1999 membership packet, due to arrive at your home later in January. The packet will include Flower Show ticket(s), information about the Show, and the 1999 activities schedule. If you have not received your tickets by February 8, please call Linda Davis at (215) 988-8776. If you have not renewed your membership for 1999, please renew today to ensure the timely delivery of your Show ticket(s).

Welcome PHS's New Associate Editor

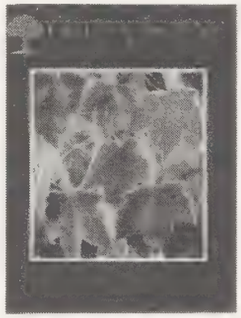
On November 30, new Associate Editor Pamela Vu began work on the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's newsletters: *The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society News* and *Philadelphia Green News*, as well as *Green Scene* and other PHS publications.

She comes to us from Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, where she worked as a Senior Editor on several of their medical journals. She graduated from The American University, Washington, DC, in 1992 with a BA in Psychology.

Long a horticultural enthusiast, Pamela is looking forward to the opportunity to combine her knowledge of the sciences with a strong interest in the arts. We welcome her aboard.

Exciting New Design for *Green Scene* Magazine

Did you notice anything different about your November/December issue of *Green Scene?* After collaborating with new editor Pete Prown, long-time *Green Scene* designers Laurie and Julie Baxendell created a new palette of fonts and color themes.



With larger photos to work with, they were able to open up the space of the magazine to play with photo sizing and placement. The result: an up-to-date, brightly colored publication to tempt anew our curious readers.

"Adding new design elements felt like a rebirth of the magazine," Laurie noted. "Pete shortened the articles a little, fulfilling every designer's dream to have the space to create and play. It's quite common for a designer to be given a lot of text to jam into a small space. When that happens, we become problem solvers. We fit pieces together as if we are making a puzzle."

The new design style is a beginning of what's to come, what works, and what doesn't. "The door has been opened" continued Laurie, "now it's just a matter of continuing the experiment."

If you have comments on the new design or content, please feel free to contact Pete Prown at *greenscene@pennhort.org*, or call (215) 988-8767. Your thoughts are always appreciated.

Learn to Design Your Landscape

6 Thursdays: February 11, 18, 25
March 4, 18, 25 (No class March 11)
6:30 – 8:30pm
PHS Auditorium

Join us in this long sought-after workshop series to learn about suitable plants to put into your landscape. Landscape designer Barbara D. Brown of Garden Design Group in Hockessin, DE, will lead the course. Barbara holds degrees in both Biology and Landscape Design. She's been a landscape designer for 18 years and has taught for the past 11 years.

First, you'll learn what makes gardens work. What are the locally suitable plants? Are there cultural practices you can use? What are the sound ecological principles you'll want to incorporate into your design?

After an exploration of these topics, students will design a challenging portion of their own properties. Class limit: 20. Fee: $130; PHS members $120.

Volunteer

at The Gardener's Studio or Lectures & Demonstration Area at the 1999 Philadelphia Flower Show

We are looking for volunteers to assist with moving supplies for flower arrangers, monitoring the rooms for lectures, and set-up/clean-up for studio demonstrations on the Show floor.

We have positions open in both the Lectures and Demonstrations area: call Eileen Gallagher, (215) 988-8880 and at The Gardener's Studio: call Mindy Maslin, (215) 988-8844; email: *mmaslin@pennhort.org*

FALL & WINTER ACTIVITIES FOR MEMBERS

Reservations, required for all members' programs, must be made through the reservation form in the *The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society News.* To pay by credit card, please call **Sally Kutyla, (215) 988-8775 or email *skutyla@pennhort.org*** A description of each program appears in two consecutive issues of *The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society News*: e.g., an April event will be listed in March and April. Sign up early! Many of the members' activities have limited registration and fill quickly.

The fee for PHS field trips, unless otherwise noted, includes bus transportation, all entrance and guide fees, lunch, light refreshments on the bus, and gratuities. Buses leave from the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and Center City, Philadelphia. Final itinerary and departure information will be mailed 10 days before the trip. Please call **Sally Kutyla, (215) 988-8775,** if you need more information.

WORKSHOP: Houseplant Propagation

Tuesday, January 12, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Learn to increase your houseplant supply. *John Story*, General Manager of Meadowbrook Farm, will demonstrate common methods of houseplant propagation: stem cuttings, leaf cuttings, and division. After the demonstration, members will propagate plants to take home. Please bring clippers, scissors, and a sharp knife. Program limit: 24. Fee: $29; members $24.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: The Wired Gardener

Wednesday, January 13, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS auditorium

Take a gardening tour of useful resources on the World Wide Web with PHS Librarian *Janet Evans*. Learn to search the web with directories and search engines. Discover websites where you can look up plant information, search gardening library catalogs, and plan a garden tour for your next vacation. Bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

WORKSHOP: Botanical Drawing

Thursday, January 14, 10:00 - 3:00pm
PHS classroom

Sharpen your botanical drawing skills in this one-day workshop with *Eileen Rosen*. Learn the basic skills of botanical drawing. Individual instruction will be tailored for all levels of experience; beginners are welcome. A list of suggested materials (less than $10) will be sent upon registration. Please bring a lunch. Program limit: 12. Members only. Fee: $50.

WORKSHOP: Safe Pest Management for the Home Garden

Tuesday, January 19, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Jessica Story, horticulturist at Meadowbrook Farm, will explain how to use IPM (Integrated Pest Management techniques) to control garden pests in a manner safe for people, pets, and the environment. IPM relies more on cultural practices and biological controls than traditional pesticides. Jessica will show you how to identify the most common pests of house and garden plants, and suggest techniques for their control. Fee: $17; members $14.

LECTURE: Gardens! In Spite of the Odds

Wednesday, January 20, 7:00pm
PHS auditorium

Abbie Zabar is an artist, writer, and designer. When all else fails, she gardens. For over twenty years, she's been gardening from her point of view– high above New York's Central Park tree line. Abbie has received numerous writing and design awards, including many from Garden Writers of America. Two of her books, *The Potted Herb* (which has sold more than 50,000 copies) and *A Growing Gardener,* will be available for signing. Program begins at 7:00pm followed by a dessert reception. The PHS McLean Library will remain open until 6:45pm this evening. Fee: $20; members $17.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: California Dreaming

Thursday, January 21, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS auditorium

Chase away January's chill and join us for a slide tour of California gardens. *Christopher Woods*, Director of Chanticleer in Wayne, will be our guide on this whirlwind excursion to some of California's most famous gardens and some lesser known gardens well worth visiting. Bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: The Cottage Garden

Thursday, January 28, Noon
PHS auditorium

Emphasizing perennials, roses, and their companion plants, *Shelley Dillard* will explore this informal garden style that uses easily cultivated and often fragrant plants. Shelley has been the plant propagator at Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania for eleven years. Please bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

WORKSHOP: Forcing for the Philadelphia Flower Show

Tuesday, February 23, 10:00 – Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Join *John Story*, General Manager of Meadowbrook Farm, for a behind-the-scenes tour of their greenhouses. Learn about their methods of forcing plants for the Flower Show.

You'll see annuals, perennials, and trees being prepared to bloom months ahead of nature's timetable, and a special treat – a sneak preview of Meadowbrook Farm's plans for their 1999 Flower Show exhibit. Program limit: 20.

Fee: Members only $14.

Reservations

Fill out and mail this page to: **PHS Activities, attn: Sally Kutyla, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495**
Please include full payment. Reservations may also be made by phone. Call (215) 988-8775. Please have your Visa or Mastercard ready. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. ***Confirmations for all events will be mailed except for Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series.*** Travel directions will be mailed for events away from PHS. There is limited space for all activities. Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of *The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society News*.

Refunds and cancellations: If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:
$3 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.
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❑ **Workshop: Houseplant Propagation**
1/12/99, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
Fee $29_____ Members $24_____

❑ **Brown Bag Lunch Series: The Wired Gardener**
1/13/99, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium
Number attending $5_____

❑ **Workshop: Botanical Drawing**
1/14/99, 10:00 - 3:00pm
PHS auditorium
Members only $50_____

❑ **Workshop: Safe Pest Management**
1/19/99, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
Fee $17_____ Members $14_____

❑ **Lecture: Gardens! In Spite of the Odds**
1/20/99, 7:00pm
PHS auditorium
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1/21/99; Noon - 1:00pm
PHS auditorium
Number attending $5_____

❑ **Brown Bag Lunch Series: Cottage Garden**
1/28/99; Noon - 1:00pm
PHS auditorium
Number attending $5_____

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2/23/99; 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
Fee $14_____ Members _____

❑ **Landscaping Your Property**
2/11,18,and 25, 3/4,18,and 25
PHS auditorium
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*Please provide your current phone number(s) so we may contact you if there are changes in scheduled activities.

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What do you think about the content of PHS News? What would you like to see more of? Are there articles you would like to comment on or ideas for new articles? You, our readers, play a crucial role in how we decide on content for the News.

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A Celebration of Garden Writing at Longwood Gardens

Friday, March 12, 1999

This day-long symposium, hosted by the University of Delaware's Longwood Graduate Program, will celebrate the world of garden literature. The symposium, held in the historic Ballroom at Longwood Gardens, will inspire, enlighten, and show the value of garden reading.

The symposium will showcase exceptional professionals in garden and landscape writing as well as garden designers and garden publication editors. The day will begin with a presentation by Anne Raver, *New York Times* Garden Columnist.

Registration fees: Regular: $88.00; Student: $66.00 (must supply a copy of student ID or proof of internship); any member of the American Horticultural Society: $80.00 (must supply membership number and expiration date). Fees include: proceedings of presentations, lunch and refreshments, and admission to Longwood Gardens on Friday, March 12 through Sunday, March 14. Deadline to register Saturday, February 23, 1999. For more information, please call (302) 831-2517 or on the website: *www.udel.edu/LongwoodGrad/Symposium.htm*

PHS Hotline.... How often should houseplants be watered during the winter months?

If your houseplant has drooping leaves, that's usually a signal that it's time to water. Use your finger to check soil moisture, at least one inch below the surface. Soil in clay pots will dry out more quickly than in plastic or ceramic pots. Probe several inches deeper for larger containers. Hanging plants usually require watering more often.

All types of pots should have drainage holes and a saucer underneath. Do not let water stand in the saucer. Basal stem and root rots occur when the soil remains soggy. If the soil is so dried out that it shrinks away from the sides of the pot, place the entire pot in a container of water so that the soil can absorb water.

Bottom watering is recommended for plants with fuzzy leaves such as African violets and other gesneriads. If water is accidentally spilled on fuzzy leaves, just blot them with a paper towel. The placement of plants in your house will also affect how often your plants need water. Plants will dry out more quickly near a heat vent, or if placed close to a sunny window.

PHS's Horticultural Hotline is open Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 12 noon. Phone: 215-988-8777; Fax: 215-988-8783; email: *jalling@pennhort.org*

THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

A Close-Up Look at This Year's Making of The Philadelphia Flower Show

By Pamela Vu

Every year since 1829, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society has been outdoing itself when it comes to staging the oldest and largest-indoor flower show in the world—the Philadelphia Flower Show. And this year will be no different. With last year's French theme behind us, this year's theme *"Design on Nature...the art of gardening"* brings us back to our native shores. Not to give too much away, the much-anticipated extravaganza will feature estates maintained by the National Trust for Historic Preservation; classic American sculpture; an original 1890's schoolhouse from rural Perry County, Pennsylvania; aquatically designed gardens; and an impressive recreation of a section of the Washington National Cathedral and its herb gardens. Simply, it is Americana at its finest.

Ever wonder who is the brain child behind it all? If you haven't heard of him by now, you will. Meet Ed Lindemann, Show designer and director since 1980. He is a man with the vision, the know-how, and the daunting responsibility of gathering a dedicated cast of thousands, including staff, volunteers, exhibitors, set designers, landscapers, and carpenters to pull off the annual event. In fact, Ed initially came up with the idea of having a theme for each Show and it's stuck—for nearly two decades.

This year's theme came out of a "meeting of the creative minds" that took place fours years ago, spearheaded by Ed and Flower Show manager and Society president Jane G. Pepper. Once an idea is harvested, Ed sets out to gather the people who will bring the vision into focus.

When asked how it came about that the Show feature estates of the National Trust, Ed said "I've always been interested in old buildings and preservation. And because we [the National Trust and PHS] were concerned with building communities through the products we dealt with—for them it was preservation and for us, horticulture—it seemed like a good marriage." You'll also see classic American sculpture throughout. "Over the years, the Show always had featured sculpture, but I wanted to do a big, spectacular garden. I wanted sculptural pieces to be shown in different media and in as many different ways as possible."

Imagine an adrenaline rush that lasts about 18 to 24 months and what you have is the typical time it takes from start of production (ordering pieces, building sets, coordinating everyone) to actual Show time. "That's the most exciting part of my job," says Ed. "Seeing something you've worked on paper for the past four years come together and take on a life of its own. There's nothing like it."

Being that it is Ed's 20th Show as designer, I asked him if there was any stone left unturned. Never at a loss for creative ideas, Ed noted, "In the future, we'll be using more varied elements like sound, lights, and special effects—incorporating the new technology to add an entertainment aspect, but never sacrificing the standard of horticulture."

Sitting one-on-one with Ed, you feel a calmness, clarity, and confidence amid the chaotic day-to-day trials of producing a Show of this magnitude—a job that would surely cause premature graying for many, not to mention ulcers. But Ed asserts that this is not a one-man show, it takes a tremendous amount of preparation, planning, and hard work, from all involved. For behind every facade, there are countless hours devoted to creating the breathtaking set.

"The job has consumed my life...and I mean to say this in a good way," surmises Ed. "The Flower Show has given me the friends that I have and the social life that I enjoy. We've become a little culture within the horticulture world." ■

Thank You to Our Philadelphia Flower Show Sponsors

A warm welcome and many thanks to the sponsors of the 1999 Philadelphia Flower Show. Through their generosity, the Show continues to grow and flourish.

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- A map of the Pennsylvania Convention Center area with parking points.
- Important phone numbers.
- Answers to commonly asked questions about the Show

PEPPERPOT

What would you change at the *Pennsylvania Horticultural Society*?" is the question I will always remember from the interview for my current job in 1980. Having enjoyed being on staff at PHS for less than a year, I thought everything was pretty much perfect.

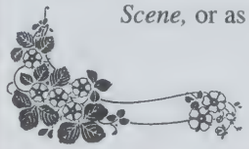
Today, it's fun to look back upon the dramatic changes staff and volunteers have brought about. Over the next several months I plan to keep you, our members, posted on the exciting happenings underway and plans for the future.

For new members, let me step back to 1996–a year of big changes–when we moved the Philadelphia Flower Show from the Civic Center to the Pennsylvania Convention Center and our headquarters from downtown to uptown. Once those moves had been completed successfully, a group of managers—Blaine Bonham, executive vice president; Mike Groman, Community Greening manager; Ed Lindemann, Show's designer and director; Mike Molloy, Finance director; Eva Ray, Education Services manager; Claudia Rayer, Resource Development director; and Lisa Stephano, PR & Marketing manager—embarked with me and as Council chair, Ann Reed on a process to develop a new strategic plan. Our discussions and research included surveys at the Flower Show and of our members; interviews with volunteers, project partners in funding organizations, city agencies and corporations; and lots of discussion in-house.

As a result of these discussions, at the beginning of last year, our governing board, the Council, adopted a new mission statement "*The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.*" As the discussions continued, the management team developed a series of strategic initiatives for discussion with Council and staff members. In these editions of *Pepperpot*, I will introduce many of the initiatives to you and the progress we are making in achieving them.

A key initiative that will be highly visible during the Flower Show is our plan to increase membership. From our discussions, it became crystal clear how important members are to the Society, bringing us an incredible range of talents, as volunteers, exhibitors, donors, participants in our activities and as supporters. To make sure the Society continues to grow and flourish, we decided it was imperative to expand this group to ensure sufficient supporters and volunteers to help us undertake many of the initiatives identified in strategic planning. Our goal, over the next four years, is to increase membership by 50% to 12,000 members, many of whom we hope will become as active in and enthusiastic about the programs of the Society as are our current members.

To those of you who have renewed your membership for 1999, many, many thanks. And to all new members, a warm welcome. You are joining a group of people who have diverse interests that connect to the new mission statement. Together we make up a community that brings joy and pleasure to many with the Philadelphia Flower Show, with our education services, our publications, and with the work we do in the neighborhoods, at gateways and in public spaces, such as the re-landscaping of the grounds of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. As a member of PHS, I hope you will take pride in the efforts we are making together to motivate people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture. You are an important member of our shared community and we look forward to having you join us as a volunteer, as a participant in our activities, perhaps as a writer for *Green Scene,* or as an advocate for the causes we support.



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Philadelphia Green at the 1999 Philadelphia Flower Show

This year's Philadelphia Green exhibit at the Philadelphia Flower Show highlights the 25 years of success that Philadelphia Green (PG) has enjoyed in its efforts to build communities and rehabilitate the urban environment. By showing the process involved in turning abandoned urban land into healthy green gardens, streets, and parks, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society hopes this display will show visitors how dramatically PG can improve the city landscape.

"The exhibit is designed to show how Philadelphia Green ventures into communities and brings them together through horticulture," says Gretchen Trefny, PG Public Landscapes project coordinator and exhibit manager. "The actual display shows a lovely urban-garden scene with a fence behind it. On the fence, we'll mount photos revealing how PG helps positively transform neighborhoods and parks. And over top of it all, there will be huge, colorful banners with key words describing what we're all about. And because of the positive impact PG has had on our city, it's become the model urban greening program in the country.

"We want visitors to leave with a sense of what Philadelphia Green is, and to know that the program plays a part in the large-scale urban greening process. Better still, by simply buying a ticket to the Show, visitors will be directly supporting these greening efforts."

Come see us in March and join in on our 25th anniversary celebration!

The Flower Show runs from March 7-14, 1999, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. For more information, call: (215) 988-8899 or visit our website: *www.libertynet.org/flowrsho/* ■

Don't Leave Home Without It!

Your PHS Membership Card opens doors in many ways. For example, free admission to Chanticleer, a pleasure garden in Wayne, PA, has been added to the PHS list of membership benefits. All you have to do is present your membership card for admittance.

Also, we have an ever-growing list of generous merchants who are graciously offering PHS members shopping discounts. To take advantage of these offerings, **members must present their membership cards to the cashier before the sale is rung up.** (If you present your card after the sale has been completed, merchants are not obliged to honor the discount.) When you use your PHS discount, be sure to tell merchants how much we appreciate the savings offered to our members.

At press time, the following merchants have joined the list of PHS friends with special offers for members. Please look for additions to the list in future issues of *PHS News. (Discounts available on selected merchandise; does not apply to merchandise already discounted. Some restrictions apply.)*

Academy Shop, Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, PA
Agway area stores
• **Boehm Porcelain**, Trenton, NJ
• **The Camera Shop, Inc.**, all locations
• **Create a Scene**, Kimberton, PA
Designs in Bloom, Philadelphia, PA
Flagg's Garden Center, Moorestown, NJ (excludes landscape contracting)
Folio Art Glass, Colts Neck, NJ
Ft. Washington Garden Mart, Fort Washington, PA
• **Garden Accents**, West Conshohocken, PA (excludes antiques and original art)
J. Cugliotta Landscape/Nursery, Inc., Southampton, NJ (plants only)
J. Franklin Styer Nurseries, Concordville, PA (plants only; excludes plants that require service)
LeRoy's Flowers, Hatboro, PA
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
Old City Flowers, Philadelphia, PA (excludes large parties)
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Parkside Orchid Nursery, Ottsville, PA
Primex Garden Center, Glenside, PA
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Smith and Hawken, Rosemont, PA (excludes catalog orders)
Snipes Farm and Nursery, Morrisville, PA
• **The Niemeyer Corp.**, Newton Square, PA
• **Tinari Greenhouses**, Huntingdon Valley, PA (African violet plants only)
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• **Waldor Orchids**, Linwood, NJ
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Yard Co. (various locations)

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At the Flower Show Only

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SPECIAL TRIPS FOR MEMBERS

GARDENS OF SPAIN APRIL 6 - 19, 1999

This wonderful trip to Spain highlights fascinating, exotic gardens and sights in two Spanish provinces: Madrid and Andalusia. The Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, and Moors who settled Spain all left their imprints on the Spanish culture. This tour features visits to private and public gardens and an array of interesting historical and contemporary sights, such as the Prado, one of the world's great art museums. We'll also see ancient sites like the great Roman aqueduct in Segovia, built without mortar or cement thousands of years ago; palaces built by Moorish and Bourbon kings; and gardens from the last century restored to their glorious beginnings.

Overnight accommodations are deluxe or superior first-class hotels in Madrid, Seville, the Costa del Sol, and Granada. Our Spanish guide will be Jesus Moraime, a landscape designer who studied in England and has worked throughout Spain. We hope you will join us for this special trip—and be sure to bring your camera.

Itineraries are ready. To receive your copy, please call Membership, (215) 988-8778/8776 or email Betsy Gullan, PHS Membership manager, *bgullan@pennhort.org*

VISIT GARDENS IN SUBURBAN BOSTON MAY 17 - 21, 1999

The Boston area, like greater Philadelphia, is a region known for its splendid private and public gardens.

Join us for this five-day trip to the Boston area to see outstanding private gardens in South Natick, Marblehead, Weston, Dedham, and Salem. We'll travel by private coach to Massachusetts, stopping at Caprilands Herb Farm en route. On the return trip, we'll visit Logee's Greenhouses.

Betsy Gullan, PHS Membership manager, and Jean Lenehan of Tours a la Carte will accompany the group.

The itinerary is ready; to receive your copy, please call: (215) 988-8778/8776 or email Betsy Gullan, PHS Membership manager, *bgullan@pennhort.org*

(see back cover for details on England trip)

New!

Afternoon Tea at the Philadelphia Flower Show

New at the 1999 Philadelphia Flower Show, enjoy an elegant tea in an exquisite, floral setting. Sip the finest variety of teas while tasting delectable finger sandwiches, scones with Devonshire cream and fruit preserves, and a selection of scrumptious French pastries. This first time Special Event takes place daily, March 7 - 14 at 3:45pm in room 202B on the Show bridge. Afternoon Tea admission is $20 (separate from admission to the Show). Seating is limited and reservations are required. To make reservations, visit our website at *www.libertynet.org/philaflowrsho/* or call (215) 988-8800.

New!

Philadelphia Flower Show Shoppes

You love the beauty of the Show. Now take home the memories. Purchase your Official Flower Show merchandise at any of the five Philadelphia Flower Show Shoppes. Just look for our new oval logo. A 10% discount is offered to members if they show their PHS membership card. On preview day, Saturday, March 6, Shoppes will be open from 12-3:00pm & 5:00-8:30pm, and all during Show week.

Reservations, required for all members' programs, may be made through the reservation form of *The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society News*, or by phone (Visa or Mastercard): **Sally Kutyla, (215) 988-8775**. A description of each program appears in two consecutive issues of *The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society News*: e.g., an April event will be listed in March and April. Sign up early! Many of the members' activities have limited registration and fill quickly.

The fee for PHS field trips, unless otherwise noted, includes bus transportation, all entrance and guide fees, lunch, light refreshments on the bus, and gratuities. Buses leave from the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and Center City, Philadelphia. Final itinerary and departure information will be mailed 10 days before the trip. Please call **Sally Kutyla, (215) 988-8775,** if you need more information.

☐ WORKSHOP: Landscaping Your Property

6 Sessions, Thursdays, February 11, 18, 25, and March 4, 18, 25 (no class March 11)
6:30 - 8:30pm
PHS auditorium

Landscape designer **Barbara D. Brown** of Garden Design Group in Hockessin, DE, will lead a series on your landscape. You'll learn what makes a garden work, locally suitable plants, cultural practices you can use, and the sound ecological principles you'll want to incorporate into your design. Following the exploration of these topics, students will design a challenging portion of their own properties. Class limit: 20. Fee $130; members $120.

☐ WORKSHOP: Forcing Plants for the Flower Show

Tuesday, February 23, 10:00am – noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Join **John Story**, general manager of Meadowbrook Farm, for a behind-the-scenes tour of their greenhouses. Learn methods of forcing plants for the Flower Show. And get a special treat—a sneak preview of Meadowbrook Farm's plans for their 1999 Flower Show exhibit. Program limit: 20. Members only. Fee $14.

☐ WORKSHOP: Botanical Illustration

6 Sessions, Thursdays, March 18, 25, and April 8, 15, 22, 29
12:30 - 3:30 pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Botanical illustrator **Louisa Rawle Tiné**, a professional artist and illustrator with 30 years of commercial and fine arts experience, will teach this six-session course in botanical watercolor. The emphasis is on realistic portrayal of botanical subjects and traditional methods of dry brush watercolor painting. Each week we will discuss, draw, and paint a different plant. Instruction is highly individualized and geared for students with some art background or previous experience in botanical illustration. Program limit: 15. Members only. A materials list will be mailed upon registration. Fee $180.

☐ WORKSHOP: Propagating Perennials

Tuesday, March 23, 10:00am - noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Learn how to increase the supply of your favorite perennials. **John Story**, general manager of Meadowbrook Farm, will give an overview of the theories and techniques for propagating perennials in the spring. John will demonstrate the three most common methods of propagation: stem cuttings, root cuttings, and root division, and explain how to determine the appropriate timing and method for your plants. Students will have hands-on instruction and propagate plants to take home. Please bring scissors and clippers. Fee $29; members $24.

☐ AT HOME: Growing in a Greenhouse

Wednesday, March 24, 10:00am – noon
Mt. Cuba, Greenville, DE

The greenhouses at Mt. Cuba, the private estate of Mrs. Lammot duPont Copeland, operate year-round providing a wide range of ornamental plants and cut flowers for the estate. Blooming potted plants, fragrant plants for the winter months and summer terrace, urns, annual seedlings for outdoor bedding displays, and plants coaxed into bloom for the Philadelphia Flower Show thrive in this varied greenhouse environment. **Phil Oyerly**, greenhouse manager, will lead us on a tour of the greenhouses. Limit: 30. Members only. Fee $15.

☐ BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: New and Exciting Annuals for Your Garden

Thursday, March 25, noon
PHS auditorium

The palette of interesting annuals available for the home garden is growing, thanks to intense grower competition and new marketing strategies. **Sharon Kaszan**, trials manager of W. Atlee Burpee & Co., will take us beyond basic marigolds and impatiens, and show us new and uncommon annuals to jazz up our gardens. Please bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee $5.

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PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

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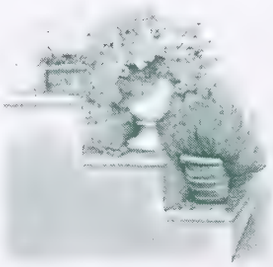


PHS's 1999 Philadelphia Flower Show

Design on Nature...the art of gardening

Make It A Day at the 1999 Show

Welcome to PHS's 1999 Flower Show, **presenting sponsor PNC Bank**. Please use this sheet as a reference; you can slip it in your pocket for easy access while at the Show.

• **New! The American Gardener Series** is the umbrella for all public Special Events at the Flower Show. Attend the *American Gardener's Backyard* for free hands-on demonstrations of the best gardening tips in the Grand Hall; enjoy the finest teas while tasting delectable sandwiches, scones, and cakes at this year's *Afternoon Tea at the Flower Show* held daily at 3:45pm in room 202B on the Show Bridge (cost is $20, separate from the price of admission to the Show); and come see famous local and national celebrity chefs conduct free grand gourmet presentations in room 204B at the *All Star Culinary Presentations.* Plus visit **The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Great Gardener's Events**—includes the *Lecture Series* and the *Gardener's Studio*.

• **Saturday & Sunday Hours.** On both Sundays, March 7 and 14, the Show will open at 8:00am for those early risers wishing to avoid the crowds and close at 6:00pm. On Saturday, March 13, Show hours are from 8:00am to 9:30pm.

• **Where Can I Grab a Bite?** Aramark serves a delicious assortment of hot or cold food at a variety of stands and restaurants. The Food Court is in the Grand Hall on Show level.

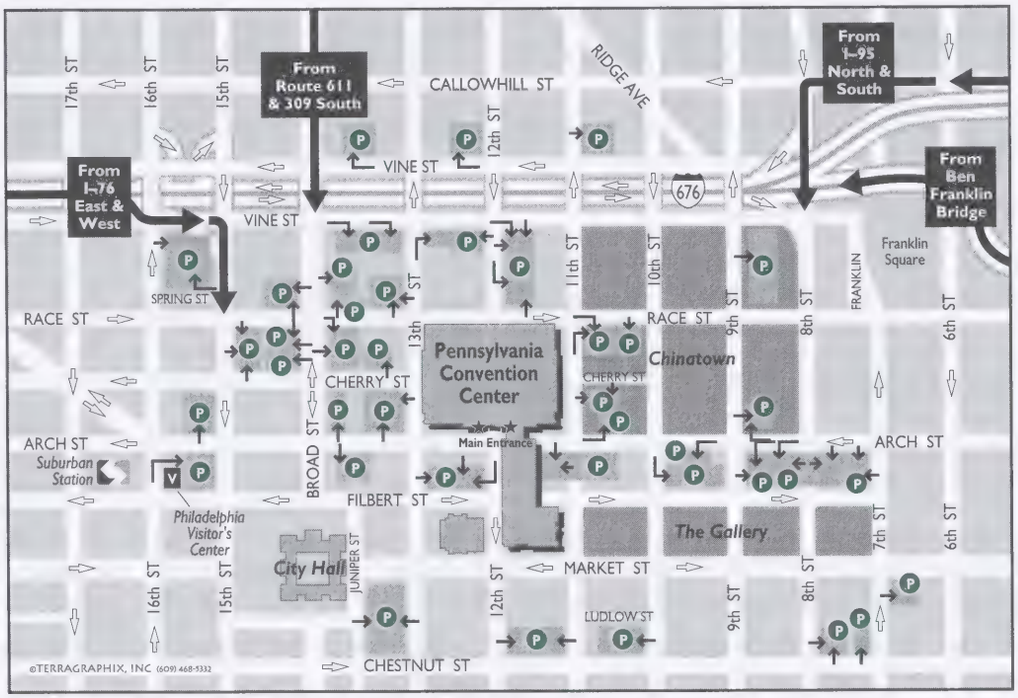
• **Re-Entry Policy.** Same-day re-entry is permitted if hand is stamped *before* leaving Show level. Hand-stamping is available only on the second level concourse (near both Down escalators and at the Headhouse exit). Visitors may leave from any exit and use any entrance to re-enter the Show.

• **Transportation.** Traveling via public transportation to the PCC is easy. Call SEPTA for special offers and schedules. If you do choose to drive, however, free rides on the Flower Show shuttle trolley will carry you from stops convenient to most lots. (See map below for shuttle hours and locations).

• **I'm Lost!** Lost persons should report to PNC Bank Park in the southeast corner of the Exhibit Hall.

Citywide Celebrations & Flower Show Week

Flower Show Week is blooming with over 80 restaurants, museums, galleries, shops and hotels that will hold spring-themed special events and floral displays. When you arrive at the Flower Show, be sure to pick up a coupon book for special Flower Show week offers or request one through our hotline (215) 988-8899. Visit our website for all activities during Flower Show week: *www.libertynet.org/flowrsho/*



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$3 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.
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Members only $180____

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3/24/99, 10:00am - noon
Mt. Cuba, Greenville, DE
Members only $15____

❑ **WORKSHOP:**
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2/23/99, 10:00am - noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
Members only $14____

❑ **WORKSHOP:**
Propagating Perennials
3/23/99, 10:00am - noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
Fee $29____members $24____

❑ **BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES:**
New and Exciting Annuals
3/25/99, noon
PHS auditorium
Number attending $5____

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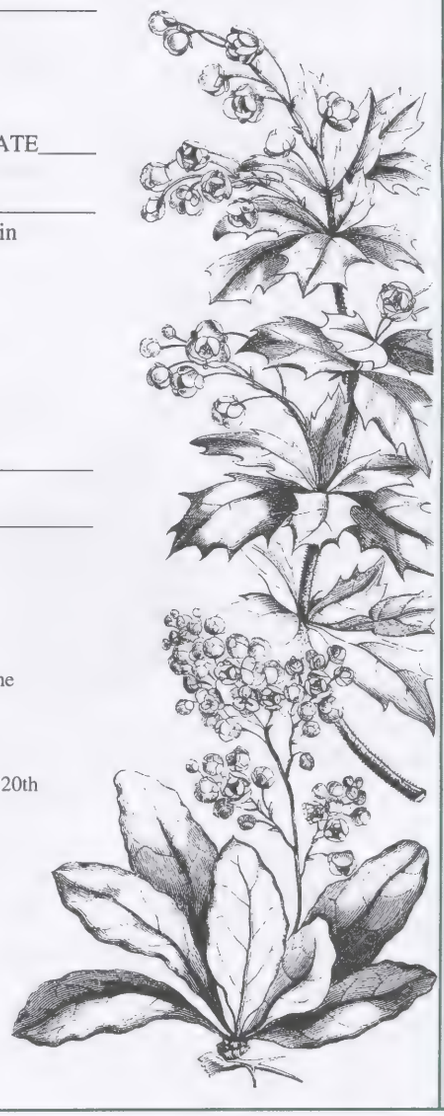

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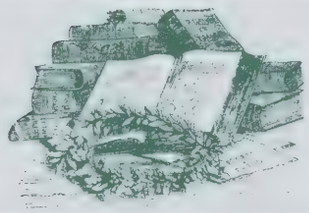

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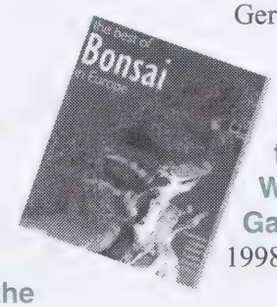

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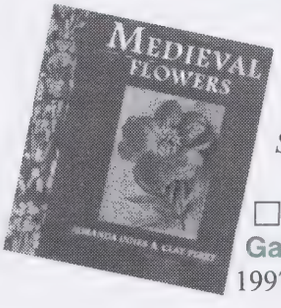

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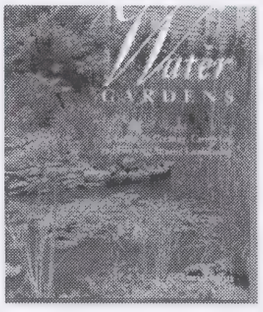

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ENGLAND in Spring June 7 - 19, 1999

Join Jane Pepper for a Tour of Gardens in Derbyshire, Suffolk, and London

Next summer, join Jane Pepper for a 12-day tour of large and small English gardens. Micky Blacklock, who has organized several tours for PHS to gardens in Scotland and England, will be our guide. We will stay in first-class hotels, starting with The Cavendish at Baslow, in the heart of the Peak District and owned by the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire.

A special visit at Chatsworth, home of the Devonshire family, will include private tours of the greenhouse and garden. In subsequent days in Derbyshire, we will visit small gardens with breathtaking views, the Peak District National Park, and a beautiful old estate.

On our way to Suffolk, we will stop at a garden designed by Rosemary Verey, before arriving at the Swan Hotel, Lavenham, where we will stay for five nights. Visits in this area will include the College Gardens in Cambridge, one where the owner specializes in clematis; another has rose gardens and a moated house built in 1510. We'll also visit Beth Chatto's garden and nursery. Stops in London will incude small gardens in Kensington and a farewell dinner south of the Thames.

For a brochure, please contact Carol Lindemann, (215) 988-8818 or by email clindema@pennhort.org

Elsewhere . . .

The Morris Arboretum of The University of Pennsylvania, located in the Chestnut Hill area of Philadelphia between Germantown and Stenton Avenues, is offering a 9-week guide training program beginning Wednesday, March 3 from 10:00am – 1:00pm. Guides introduce school children to nature and lead tours for adult groups and weekend visitors. Active guides also have the added benefit of taking enrichment workshops and field trips to enhance their training.

To register, call Jan McFarlane
(215) 247-5777 ext. 156

PHS Hotline...

Q: What should I do with bulbs that were forced to bloom during the holidays?

A: Bulbs grown in water with pebbles (paperwhites, hyacinth, and crocus) will not bloom again and should be discarded. Hardy bulbs growing in soil (narcissus, hyacinth, and crocus) cannot be forced a second year but can be planted outdoors. After the flowers die, cut off the stems but not the leaves. Water moderately until the leaves have withered and died. Remove the bulbs from the soil, and cut off all leaves and roots. Place in a paper bag that has been labeled and punched with holes for ventilation, and store in a dark, dry place with temperatures between 60°F and 70°F until fall planting time. You may also store the bulbs in their pots in a dark, dry place, but do not water these pots. The blooms will not be as showy after transplanting, but they will blend in with first-year bulbs.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

Just What Happens To Your Flower Show Dollars?

By Pamela Vu

As the pageantry winds down and the crowds disperse, visitors at the Philadelphia Flower Show can leave feeling a little better about themselves. *Why?* Because–just by buying a ticket–each visitor has played an important part in contributing to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's greening efforts all across the city, thanks largely to PHS's urban greening program, Philadelphia Green.

Each year, proceeds from the Flower Show cover approximately one quarter of the expenses required to operate PHS's community programs including Philadelphia Green. The balance of these expenses is raised from contributions from foundations, corporations, individuals, and government agencies.

The New Kensington Open Space Management is a prime example of what Philadelphia Green can do to support change in blighted neighborhoods. Started in 1995, the New Kensington Project is a neighborhood-based initiative for managing vacant land, relying on the neighborhood community development corporation (CDC) to play a key role. As a result of Philadelphia Green's efforts in New Kensington, residents have taken to their neighborhood with a renewed sense of pride and empowerment.

At the corner of Frankford & Berks Streets in New Kensington stands the Community Garden Center, a shining example of this project's success. On any given day at the Garden Center, people can be seen taking an educational workshop, enjoying a plant sale, or receiving free compost and woodchips for their gardens. It has helped reconnect residents with each other.

"Philadelphia Green spent $20,000 to get the Garden Center off the ground, much of which came from the Flower Show," notes Mike Groman, Community Greening manager for Philadelphia Green. "The idea was to reach out to the very people who are supporting and maintaining open space in the area. The Garden Center has not only raised awareness, but it also promotes quality open space as an important ingredient of city life."

Philadelphia Green's role also includes rehabilitating and maintaining key public green spaces throughout Center City and at its gateways (i.e., roads, highways, bridges). Current projects include the 26th Street gateway, which links the Airport to Center City, as well as major visitor attractions like the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Penn's Landing, and Fairmount Park's Azalea Garden.

"Once we develop a project, we don't walk away," adds Kathryn Newland, Public Landscapes manager. "Philadelphia Green is contributing to the improvement of the city in a big way. We believe in giving back because there is public green space that needs to be stewarded for future generations."

To support these community and public landscapes works, PHS plans to invest considerable resources through Philadelphia Green to provide technical and management training for neighborhood groups, city employees who maintain public landscapes, and other stakeholders of urban open spaces. This strategy will help to ensure the long-term sustainability of urban greening projects throughout the city. ■

PEPPERPOT

Many of you have read in *The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society*'s publications that we have recently completed discussions on a Strategic Plan to direct the future of PHS. By the time this edition of the *News* hits your mailbox, we will be days away from the opening of the 1999 Philadelphia Flower Show, so this seems the perfect time to let you know the background on some exciting developments you will see at the Show this year.

In preliminary discussions, our planning team decided PHS's key goal regarding the future of the Show is "to continue to produce profitably the world's premiere flower show." Implicit in the word *profitably* is a commitment to continue to raise monies through the Show to support the Philadelphia Green program.

With this overall goal in mind, we outlined the strategies by which we would achieve our goal. Visitor satisfaction is of vital importance and for the past several years we have learned through on-site and post-Show surveys that our visitors are eager for information. Three years ago, we introduced the Gardener's Studio, a series of demonstrations on the Show floor, to complement the lectures and demonstrations we have offered for many years. Last year, in connection with our French theme, we introduced culinary events. This year, look for all of the above activities, as well as new ones, under the banner title "The American Gardener Series."

An exciting introduction in this series for '99 will be "The American Gardener's Backyard," a gardener's playstation in the Pennsylvania Convention Center's beautifully restored train shed. Here in the Grand Hall, visitors can experiment with new tools, participate in informal demonstrations, and get answers to all those questions they have been bottling up all winter.

J. Cugliotta Landscape/Nursery, Inc. of Southampton, NJ, an award-winning landscape exhibitor for many years, will create and install the exhibit, which will showcase the National Garden at the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C. PHS's partners in this endeavor will include The Scotts Company (lead partner in the Backyard), Organica, Etera, Toro, Lawn Boy, Bartlett Tree Expert Co., Snow and Nealley, and Jeff Ball, garden expert for the *Today Show*, who will organize a group of experts to host a lively Q&A booth. In addition to providing a great opportunity for members to get answers to their gardening questions, this feature will also provide an attractive entrance to the Grand Hall. Last year, 80,000 members and visitors used this entrance as they came to the Show via Amtrak and Philadelphia's suburbs by regional rail.

Another change members will notice at this year's Show is a new look for the Society's Merchandising activities. For many years, sales of T-shirts, tote bags, and other Show souvenir items have been successfully organized by the Members Committee, under the leadership of chair Pat Sanders, who works with wonderful volunteers and our hard-working staff. Since the Members Committee will be fully occupied with membership sales this year, we have recently hired Rosemary McGeary as our new Merchandising manager. Rosemary will coordinate not only the "Marketplace" shops at the Show, but also the relationship between PHS and ARAMARK, our new concessionaire for Show souvenirs. Considering ARAMARK's background in concession sales for historic sites and flower shows, we are delighted to have their expertise at the Show. I wish you lots of fun shopping.

Jane G. Pepper

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President

Bartram 300 Celebration

You are cordially invited to the **Bartram 300 Celebration,** the 300th anniversary of the birth of John Bartram (1699-1777), America's first botanist and founder of America's oldest-living botanical garden.

Two special events will mark the occasion. **Bartram 300: A Gathering** will take place May 19-21, 1999, at The Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. The symposium will explore Bartram's life, works, and legacy with David McCullough, a biographer, historian, and award-winning author, as the keynote speaker. Attendees will also visit the American Philosophical Society (cofounded by John Bartram and Benjamin Franklin in 1743), Historic Bartram's Garden, and Society Hill.

The **Bartram 300 Living History Festival** is set for May 22-23, 1999, at Historic Bartram's Garden, which was Bartram's homestead on the Schuylkill River and is now a National Historic Landmark. Festivities include 18th century re-enactors and craftspeople, high-quality craft show, performances, children's events, museum exhibits, and tours of the *Kalmar Nyckel* tall ship.

Other Bartram 300 Celebration events include the Philadelphia Water Department's tribute to Bartram in their Flower Show exhibit, Bartram Youth Award, lecture series, and a special reception with noted author/horticulturist/photographer Ken Druse at the annual native plant sale.

To register for the symposium or for more information, contact Historic Bartram's Garden, (215)729-5281, email: *bartram@libertynet.org*, or visit the Bartram 300 Celebration website *www.libertynet.org/~bartram*. The Garden is located at 54th Street and Lindbergh, Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19143.

Remembering Rena

A Lasting Tribute To A Philadelphia Green Visionary

The "Remembering Rena" mural now adorns the Malcolm X Memorial Park at 51st and Pine Streets.

Everyone who ever met Rena Ennis says she was not someone easily forgotten. From the time her commitment to urban greening began in 1958 to the time of her passing in June, 1997, this life member of PHS worked tirelessly, willingly, and passionately in support of Philadelphia Green's ideals of community greening. The newly completed "Remembering Rena" mural in Malcolm X Memorial Park immortalizes Rena's spirit and pays tribute to her work as volunteer extraordinaire.

Her legacy includes many community gardens she helped to start and run: the Garden of Eatin' at 25th and Dickinson, gardens at 10th and Diamond, 26th and Reed, and 51st and Pine. She also formed the Friends of Black Oak Park, which is located across from her home, adopted a class at the Huey Elementary School, and maintained a long, fruitful association with the Penn State Urban Gardening Program.

In nominating Rena as a recipient of the Society's Certificate of Merit in 1997, Blaine Bonham, Jr, PHS's executive vice president, noted, "Rena Ennis has exemplified the kind of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer who makes our work gratifying and fun. Her reach goes far beyond her home community."

While this nomination validated what others already knew about Rena, she represented more than just ideals. She was a friend, gardener, community leader, and advocate, as well as a teacher who cared enough about her neighborhood to do something about it. Rena once said, "To get something done, you just have to find a way to do it." And find a way she did, devoting more than 35 years to the city's gardens and to the people who tend them.

"Rena introduced me to Philadelphia Green," said science teacher Kate Loal fondly. "She also taught me to continue to fight for the things that I believed in and most of all, she totally appreciated what I was doing with my students at Huey Elementary School. I called her 'mom,' because that was who she was to me."

Through a $30,000 grant from the William Penn Foundation and the Friends of Malcolm X Memorial Park, along with funds from the Junior League and PHS's Rena Ennis Fund, the "Remembering Rena" mural was completed and now adorns the Malcolm X Memorial Park. A portrait of Rena is at the center of a beautiful floral frame, surrounded by scenes of community workers planting, growing, and enjoying themselves. "The mural is a fitting tribute and a symbol that her work in the community will continue," says staffer Jeff Tober. It also serves as a reminder of how far the Park has come from its graffiti-laden days. Thanks to her vision, it's now a hub of vibrant community life.

The Friends of Malcolm X Memorial Park and Philadelphia Green will honor Rena and celebrate her life in a ceremony on Friday, April 16, 3:00pm, at Malcolm X Memorial Park, 51st and Pine Streets. The ceremony will include the mural dedication and remarks by Bonham and Society president Jane Pepper, and is open to the public. Reception to follow. ■

—Pamela Vu

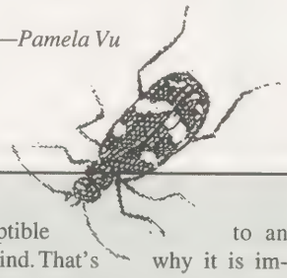
New Beetle Invasion Threatens North American Trees

By Hal Rosner

No, this invasion of longhair beetles isn't about four lovable moptops from Liverpool, England. This beetle is *Anoplophora glabripennis* or, as it's more commonly known, the Asian longhaired beetle and it may potentially be "Public Enemy #1" to our urban and regional forests. As of this writing, Philadelphia has had no reported outbreaks or tree losses and the Department of Agriculture has been stationing Plant Protection and Quarantine officers at all ports of entry for intensive monitoring and inspection. Still, the beetles have been found in 26 warehouse and residential sites scattered across 14 states, including several in Pennsylvania. The pest has become a true global problem, causing trouble for everyone from Brooklyn grandmothers to Hong Kong shipping merchants to New England maple syrup makers. These beetles have been known to burrow large holes in trees, thereby damaging the tree's vascular system and ultimately, killing the tree.

So what does it look like? The adult beetle is about one-inch long, has coal-black wings sprinkled with yellow or white spots, and its super-long antennae have black and white bands. These critters seem to like different kinds of hardwood trees, dining on everything from Norway maples and horse chestnuts to elms and willows.

However, the real question is whether the beetle is likely to spread to Philadelphia. Unfortunately, according to experts, the answer is *very likely*. Along with Baltimore and Wilmington, Philadelphia is a shipping port and beetles have been found in the wooden pallets used for shipping. Furthermore, because the city is well forested, it is susceptible to an invasion of this kind. That's why it is important that you monitor the trees in your garden and on your street for suspicious bug activity. Some key indicators to keep in mind as you inspect your trees:



- Sudden browning or yellowing of limbs
- Check for piles of chewed sawdust or "frass" at the base of trees or in main crotches
- Look for holes, often the size of a dime, created by the emerging adult

If you see signs of the Asian longhair beetle, contact the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; Fairmount Park; or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources. Quick detection and identification are crucial in the control of these beetles.

A description of each program appears in two consecutive issues of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society News: e.g., an April event will be listed in March and April. See reservation form on opposite page. Please call ***Sally Kutyla, (215) 988-8775****, if you would like more information.*

☐ WORKSHOP: Botanical Illustration

6 Sessions, Thursdays, March 18, 25, and April 8, 15, 22, 29
12:30 - 3:30pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Botanical illustrator **Louisa Rawle Tiné**, a professional artist and illustrator with 30 years of commercial and fine arts experience, will teach this six-session course in botanical watercolor. The emphasis is on realistic portrayal of botanical subjects and traditional methods of dry brush watercolor painting. Each week we will discuss, draw, and paint a different plant. Instruction is highly individualized and geared for students with some art background or previous experience in botanical illustration. A materials list will be mailed upon registration. Program limit: 15. Members only. Fee $180.

☐ WORKSHOP: Propagating Perennials

Tuesday, March 23, 10:00am - noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Learn how to increase the supply of your favorite perennials. **John Story**, general manager of Meadowbrook Farm, will give an overview of the theories and techniques for propagating perennials in the spring. John will demonstrate the three most common methods of propagation: stem cuttings, root cuttings, and root division, and explain how to determine the appropriate timing and method for your plants. Students will have hands-on instruction and propagate plants to take home. Please bring scissors and clippers.
Fee $29; members $24.

☐ AT HOME SERIES: Growing in a Greenhouse

Wednesday, March 24, 10:00am – noon
Mt. Cuba, Greenville, DE

The greenhouses at Mt. Cuba, the private estate of Mrs. Lammot duPont Copeland, operate year-round providing a wide range of ornamental plants and cut flowers for the estate. Blooming potted plants, fragrant plants for the winter months and summer terrace, urns, annual seedlings for outdoor bedding displays, and plants coaxed into bloom for the Philadelphia Flower Show thrive in this varied greenhouse environment. **Phil Oyerly**, greenhouse manager, will lead us on a tour of the greenhouses. Limit: 30. Members only. Fee $15.

☐ BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: New and Exciting Annuals for Your Garden

Thursday, March 25, noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

The palette of interesting annuals available for the home garden is growing, thanks to intense grower competition and new marketing strategies. **Sharon Kaszan**, trials manager of W. Atlee Burpee & Co., will take us beyond basic marigolds and impatiens, and show us new and uncommon annuals to jazz up our gardens. Please bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee $5.

☐ AT HOME SERIES: The Lure of the Tropics

Wednesday, April 7, 10:00am - noon
Malvern, PA

Michael Bowell, owner of "Create a Scene" Gallery in Kimberton, will discuss the challenges of growing a "mixed bag" of plants from orchids to tropicals in a unique greenhouse setting: watering, fertilizing, and meeting the cultural requirements of similar but different types of plants. He frequently writes and lectures on orchids, container gardening, and use of color in the garden, and has been a major exhibitor and frequent winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Class limit: 20. Fee $15; members $13.

☐ BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: Container Gardens

Thursday, April 8, noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

Kent Russell, perennial specialist from Russell Gardens Wholesale, will discuss annuals, perennials, and tender tropicals appropriate for container growing in a variety of situations. Get fresh ideas for interesting plant combinations and tips for successfully maintaining potted gardens. Please bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee $5.

☐ Planning A Perennial Garden

3 Sessions, Tuesdays, April 13, 20, and 27
10:00am - noon
PHS Auditorium

Join **Jane Lennon** of Cherrymont Farm Nursery for three sessions of perennial garden strategy. Learn how to evaluate and prepare your site and establish realistic goals for your project. Jane will discuss developing a planting plan, choosing suitable plants, and shopping for plants. The third session covers living with your garden: what to expect and when, maintenance, and plenty of how-to tips. Class limit: 18. Fee $79; members $75.

☐ WORKSHOP: Techniques for Arranging in Glass

Tuesday, April 20, 10:00am - noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Learn techniques for arranging flowers in "see-through" containers. **Jane Godshalk** will demonstrate innovative techniques for organically binding flowers together into balanced, artful arrangements. Following the demonstration, each student will create an arrangement of

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Reservations

Reservations, required for all members'-programs, may be made through the reservation form (below). Fill out and mail to: **PHS Activities, attn: Sally Kutyla, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495.** Please include full payment. Reservations may also be made by phone. Call **(215) 988-8775**. Please have your Visa or Mastercard ready. ***Confirmations for all events will be mailed except for Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series.*** Travel directions will be mailed for events away from PHS.

Refunds and cancellations: If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:

$3 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.

$5 fee for one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than four days prior to the event.

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12:30 - 3:30pm
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Members only $180____

☐ **WORKSHOP:**
Propagating Perennials
3/23/99, 10:00am - noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
Fee $29____members $24____

☐ **AT HOME SERIES:**
Growing in a Greenhouse
3/24/99, 10:00am - noon
Mt. Cuba, Greenville, DE
Members only $15____

☐ **BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES:**
New and Exciting Annuals
3/25/99, noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium
Number attending $5____

☐ **AT HOME SERIES:**
The Lure of the Tropics
4/7/99, 10:00am - noon
Malvern, PA
Fee $15____members $13____

☐ **BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES:**
Container Gardens
4/8/99, noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium
Number attending fee $5____

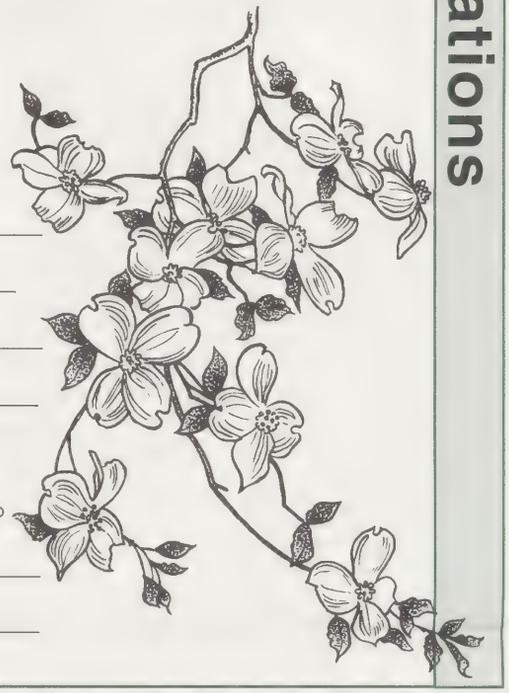
☐ **Planning A Perennial Garden**
4/13, 20, and 27/99
10:00am - noon
PHS Auditorium
Fee $79____members $75____

☐ **WORKSHOP:**
Techniques for Arranging in Glass
4/20/99, 10:00am - noon
Meadowbrook Farm
Meadowbrook, PA
Fee $45____members $40____

☐ **Propagating PHS Gold Medal Plants**
4/22/99, 6:00 - 8:00pm
PHS Auditorium
Fee $35____members $30____

☐ **Spring Lawn Care**
4/24/99, 9:30 - 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA
Fee $18____members $15____

☐ **WORKSHOP: Container Gardening**
4/28/99, 10:00am - noon
Meadowbrook Farm
Meadowbrook, PA
Fee $39____members $35____



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If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name. GUEST: _____

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seasonal flowers to take home. Jane Godshalk is certified in floral design from Longwood Gardens and is a frequent exhibitor and winner in both the Philadelphia Flower and Harvest Shows. Please bring clippers or scissors. Flowers and glass vases will be provided. Class limit: 20. Fee $45; members $40.

☐ Propagating PHS Gold Medal Plants

Thursday, April 22, 6:00 - 8:00pm
PHS Auditorium
Learn the ins and outs of plant propagation in this workshop. **Chuck Feld**, owner of Birmingham Gardens in West Chester, PA, will discuss and demonstrate various propagation methods including seed, soft and hardwood cuttings, grafting, and budding. Appropriate soils, rooting hormones, timing and cultural practices will be covered. Each student will plant a PHS Gold Medal evergreen to take home. Price of program includes a light supper. All workshop materials will be provided. Class limit: 24. Fee: $35; members $30.

☐ Spring Lawn Care

Saturday, April 24, 9:30 -11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA
In this program geared to homeowners, Chanticleer horticulturist **Peter Brindle** will discuss the basics of spring lawn care, including grass types, when and how to fertilize, mowing heights, and weed control. We'll take a look at various types of mowers, including battery operated, and conclude with a demonstration of the basics of seeding and mowing. Class limit: 20. Fee: $18; members $15.

☐ WORKSHOP: Container Gardening

Wednesday, April 28, 10:00am - noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
Plant a container garden of blooming annuals for your deck, patio, or rooftop. **Nanci Walsh**, retail manager at Meadowbrook Farm, will cover the basics of gardening in containers and guide you through choosing and combining appropriate plants for your site. Students will plant a 14'' patio pot with their choice of annuals. Plants, pots, and all materials included in the fee. Class limit: 20. Fee $39; members $35.

We'd Love to Hear Your Comments!

What do you think about the content of *PHS News*? What would you like to see more of? Are there articles you would like to comment on or have ideas for new articles? You, our readers, play a crucial role in how we decide on content for the *News*.

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Elsewhere . . .

The Fabric Workshop and Museum presents, **Flowers on Fabric: Flora and Friends**, a selection of works from the museum's permanent collection, beginning February 25, 1999, on the 6th Floor of the Permanent Collection Gallery, 1315 Cherry Street, Philadelphia. The exhibit will celebrate the theme of flowers and fabric in honor of Flora Miller Biddle, Ernesta D. Ballard, PHS president Jane Pepper, and in memory of Elizabeth Platt Corning and Dorothy Falcon Platt. For additional information, call (215) 568-1111.

The Providence Garden Club of Pennsylvania will hold its 51st Annual Plant Sale, Saturday, May 1, 1999, at the Williamson Free Trade School located on 106 S. Middletown Road (Route 352), Middletown Township, PA. Purchase from a wide variety of annuals, perennials, and hanging baskets. Hours are from 9am-2pm. Please contact Linda Butler for more information, (610) 565-0973.

Step back in time and get a glimpse of history with the help of the **Washington Crossing Historic Park**. A garden tour of the Revolutionary Headquarters Houses of General George Washington's Delaware Crossing Campaign will take place on Saturday, May 15, 1999, 10:00am – 4:00pm. Featuring the artwork of Joanna Krasnansky and interpretation by Jeffrey Marshall. Register at the Memorial Building, 1112 River Road, Washington Crossing, PA. Tour donations to benefit the restoration of the Thompson-Neely Gardens. Get the full story in the May issue of *Green Scene*. For more information, call (215) 493-4076, 10:00am – 4:00pm.

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PHS Hotline...

Q: What is soil pH?

A: The symbol pH is an expression of the acidity or alkalinity of soil. In technical terms, pH refers to the hydrogen ion concentration of the soil. Soil pH is measured on a scale of 1.0 to 14.0 with 7.0 representing a neutral pH. A pH above 7.0 indicates an alkaline or "sweet" soil; below 7.0 indicates an acidic or "sour" soil. The soil pH affects how plants absorb minerals and other nutrients already present in the soil, or added by fertilizer. A soil test is the best way to determine pH. Instructions and a mailing bag are available for a small fee from your local Cooperative Extension Service and some garden centers. Depending on where you live, the testing is done by Pennsylvania State University, Rutgers University, or the University of Delaware. You will receive a computer printout of results and recommendations for amending the soil to increase or decrease the soil's pH. Rhododendrons, azaleas, hollies, laurel, and blueberries prefer an acidic soil, while vegetables, annuals, perennials, and grasses prefer a more neutral pH.

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On the Right Track

One Volunteer's Mission to Transform a Neighborhood

By Judy Mathe Foley

I volunteer for the sheer joy of it. I can't think of a better use of my time than to be working in a garden and talking to people," says Christopher Berglund, a city planner who maintains that he thinks more clearly when there is dirt under his fingernails. "It's the purest kind of conversation." It is this sort of volunteer enthusiasm and spirit that rejuvenates neighborhoods and transforms them into welcoming, verdant spots throughout Philadelphia and the entire Delaware Valley.

For five years, Berglund has been creating a garden plot next to the abandoned, boarded-up Tulpehocken train station in Germantown. Still serving as a train stop–but without the security the station once provided–the area had become the scene of numerous crimes. But Berglund, a frustrated gardener living in one of three high-rise apartment buildings near the train tracks, looked out his window at the hunks of broken concrete, knee-high weeds, and broken pieces of drainage pipe and saw potential. Soon after, Berglund set out to turn his daydream into a reality.

Using milled porch posts from the old train station, he began to enclose the area and define the garden's shape. When a big snowstorm felled arborvitae all over the neighborhood, he got out his bow saw and, using "the serendipity of found materials," built fence posts. He also fashioned a swinging metal gate for an archway that leads to the vegetable and flower beds. In recognition of all this hard work, he won a first place award in the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's 1997 City Gardens Contest as its "Avant Gardener" and, last year, won an honorable mention.

Today, an increased police presence at the train stop helps cut down on crime, but Berglund thinks the prominence of the garden is a big aid, too. "It's created a sense of community where none was before," says Berglund wistfully. "People biking, jogging or walking their dogs stop to comment on the tomatoes or take in the perfume of the rugosa roses, or just enjoy the spot. In some way, I'm speaking to a need in people. This garden harkens back to a time when you walked around the neighborhood and stopped on a summer's evening to talk to your neighbors."

To illustrate how this space has now become part of people's lives, Berglund tells of the time he saw a mother approaching the train station with her six-year-old daughter. The mother started to take a short cut, but the little girl stopped her: "No, mom! We have to go this way. We have to go through *the garden."* ■

Thank You To Our 1999 Flower Show Volunteers

Flower Show volunteers are very special people and–to each and every one of you–many, many thanks for all that you did to make the 1999 Philadelphia Flower Show a smashing success. On many cold mornings, you left your warm beds long before dawn or you stayed late in the evening so you could help that last visitor who missed her bus back to Allentown (she got home just fine). Yet you always give all of us on staff the wonderful feeling that you really love working at the Show. Without you, the PHS staff could never put the Show together. You bring your enthusiasm, your spirit, your hearts, and lots of good ideas to our wonderful team project.

In total, we figure there are more than 3,500 volunteers who make the Show happen. Twenty-five of them greet the more than 700 buses that arrive from up and down the East Coast and beyond. Another 600 serve on our Infonet team, answering questions of every possible type. Seventy-two are the brains and inspiration behind the Competitive Classes and Judges and Awards, creating schedules for the classes, inviting the judges, and making sure that every last plant name is correct in both English and Latin. And that's just a small selection of the roles our local volunteers play, not to mention the more than 160 judges who come from across the country. Again, my deepest thanks to you.

If you've never had a chance to volunteer at the Flower Show, please call Betty Greene, Shows Committee coordinator, at (215) 988-8826 or email her at *bgreene@pennhort.org* She will be delighted to sign you up for Flower Show 2000.

—Jane G. Pepper

PEPPERPOT

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all the new members who joined the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society through our winter membership campaign and at the Flower Show. I am delighted to welcome you to the Society and if I haven't had a chance to meet you already, I look forward to seeing you at one of our events.

You are joining the Society at an exciting time as we expand current programs and start new ones, all aimed at accomplishing our mission of "*motivating people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.*"

Philadelphia Green, PHS's urban greening program, embodies all of the ideas of our mission statement and, since you will hear a lot more about Philadelphia Green in upcoming publications, I wanted to give you some background on its origins and goals.

Community greening was born 25 years ago at PHS when the Society decided to invest monies raised from the Flower Show into neighborhoods throughout the City of Philadelphia. Two staff members started meeting with community groups across the city to develop interest in creating gardens on vacant lots. The response was immediate and enthusiastic.

A quarter of a century later, staff members have worked with more than 1000 community groups to create more than 2,500 greening projects. Blaine Bonham, PHS's executive vice president, who developed the Philadelphia Green program and was one of its first staff members, remembers the day when the Council, the Society's governing board, had to vote on whether the Society should purchase a tiller. Today, the Philadelphia Green budget is $4.9 million, with more than 40 staff members.

The size of the budget, however, is not as important to me as the program's impact on our city. Clearly, the gardens, street tree plantings, and revitalized parks have a physical impact on neighborhoods. The process of building the gardens and planting the trees is equally rewarding. Often, it begins with just a few people who start dreaming of turning a trash-filled lot into a garden. Yet before too long, there's a whole neighborhood involved. Planting day is often a celebration of neighborhood pride and enthusiasm. In subsequent summers, these gardens may be used for weddings, birthday parties, and to grow vegetables for elderly community residents.

Philadelphia Green staffers offer technical help in planning and constructing gardens, planting trees, and rehabilitating parks. In some cases, where funding is available, we are able to offer tangible items such as fencing, soil, and plants. The overall Philadelphia Green budget may seem large, but when you have more than 2,000 new community groups on your waiting list at any one time, and hundreds of current groups looking for more help each spring, we spread our resources as far and wide as we can.

Besides technical help, Philadelphia Green also provides horticultural workshops on garden design and perennial planting, tree care, and shrub identification to help community gardeners with their projects. For some communities, we also offer sessions on fundraising for a garden, building a support group to assure long-term garden maintenance, and ways to involve neighborhood youth in the garden.

To fund Philadelphia Green, we depend on Flower Show revenues, in addition to grants and donations from foundations, corporations and individuals, as well as contract funding from the City of Philadelphia.

Community Greening is just one component of Philadelphia Green and, in future editions of the *News*, I will discuss other aspects of the program. In the meantime, as a PHS member, I welcome your involvement as a volunteer for Philadelphia Green. Hundreds of PHS members volunteer each year to judge the City Gardens Contest; others participate in community workdays. If you would like to participate, please call Flossie Narducci at (215) 988-8800.

Jane G. Pepper

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President

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Receives $1 Million For City Parks!

The merry sounds of children laughing and communities coming together in our city's neighborhood parks have caught the attention of the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund. This foundation seeks to enhance the cultural life of communities, and make the arts an active part of everyday lives by supporting programs in the performing, visual, literary and folk arts, as well as adult literacy and urban parks.

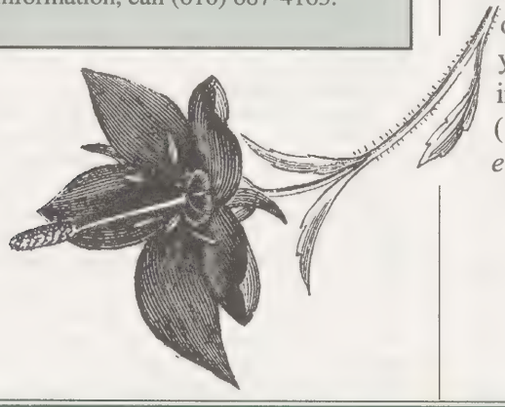
The Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund recently awarded PHS a $1 million grant over four years to continue work under Philadelphia Green's "Parks Revitalization Project" (initiated in 1993 through a grant from the William Penn Foundation). Funding will go towards park improvements, training workshops, organization development, and building lasting partnerships.

With the city's Department of Recreation leading the way, community groups, city agencies, non-profits, and neighborhood businesses have all begun to give time and support to local park revitalization. "It's no accident that a handful of Philadelphia's neighborhood parks have emerged from the city landscape as vibrant hubs of community life and sources of neighborhood pride," said Commissioner Michael DiBerardinis. "This collaborative spirit among community groups—Philadelphia Green, the Department of Recreation, and funders—will greatly expand the work to reclaim parks as centers of community life."

Membership Notes

• The Reciprocal Admissions Program, administered by the American Horticultural Society, lists more than 100 arboreta and botanical gardens throughout the country that offer discounts on admission, parking, and merchandise to PHS members. You must present your membership card to participate. To receive a copy of the listing, call Membership (215) 988-8776 or x8832.

• Visit Chanticleer free as a PHS member and as often as you like. Chanticleer in Wayne, PA, is a beautiful pleasure garden that offers visitors everything from interesting landscape design to cutting-edge plants. Membership card required. Open April 1-October 31, Wednesday-Saturday, 10:00am-5pm. For more information, call (610) 687-4163.



Party On The Green

Surround yourself in the full bloom of azaleas, seek solace from within a pergola, or cool off under shade trees at this year's Azalea Garden Party. It will be held on Thursday, May 13, 5:30 - 8:00pm, at the Azalea Garden (Kelly Drive at Fairmount Avenue) and is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and Friends of the Azalea Garden.

Proceeds from the Garden Party fund landscape maintenance of the Azalea Garden.

Raffle tickets (3 for $10) will be sold. Prizes include Tea at the Four Seasons, Sunday Brunch at the Park Hyatt Bellevue, and a behind-the-scenes tour of Flower Show 2000. So come rain or shine, we look forward to seeing you on the green. To receive an invitation, contact Ellen Wheeler at (215) 988-8830 or email *ewheeler@pennhort.org*

Ann E. Domalevicz

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The Flower Show lost a member of the cast on February 8, 1999, when **Ann Domalevicz**, an administrative assistant in the Shows department, passed away. Ann came to PHS as a staff member in 1987 after a previous career with the government. During her years at PHS, Ann became a fond friend to her coworkers and the hundreds of volunteers she worked with.

In addition to her excellent skills, Ann brought an inquisitive mind, an enthusiasm for life, and a wonderful sense of humor to work each day. These attributes and reminders of Ann's zest for everything she encountered will continue to inspire those who knew her. Ann is survived by her daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren, and all of her coworkers and friends at PHS. Her family has requested that contributions in her memory be made to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

Conference on Woody Plants for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries,
July 23, 1999, at Swarthmore College

The 1999 Conference on Woody Plants for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries will be held at Swarthmore College on Friday, July 23, 1999, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Experts including horticulturists, designers, and gardeners in woody plant-related fields will discuss everything from new trends in tree care and culture, small trees for the landscape, cutting-edge plants, and the mixed border, to creating sustainable landscapes. Guest speakers include: **Kris Bachtell,** Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL; **Nina Bassuk**, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; **Richard Hartlage,** Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden, Seattle, WA; **Edward Hasselkus,** University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI; **Brian Maynard**, University of Rhode Island, Peace Dale, RI; and **Don Shadow**, Shadow Nursery, Winchester, TN.

This conference is jointly sponsored by Longwood Gardens, Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and Tyler Arboretum.

If you would like to receive a brochure, please check the appropriate box on the reservation form. Those who attended the 1998 conference will automatically receive a brochure. Brochures will be mailed in early May.

Congratulations To All Our Flower Show Winners

MAJOR EXHIBITOR AWARDS

THE PHS SOCIETY FLOWER SHOW AWARD for the **BEST IN SHOW** in the following categories:

LANDSCAPE: J. Franklin Styer Nurseries, Inc.

FLORAL DESIGN: Lamsback Floral Decorators

ACADEMIC EDUCATIONAL: Delaware Valley College, Department of Ornamental Horticulture and Environmental Design

NONACADEMIC EDUCATIONAL: U.S. EPA Region III

NONPROFIT DISPLAY: Camden City Garden Club, Inc.

BY INVITATION: The Little House Shop

THE BEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD for **BEST ACHIEVEMENT** in a particular horticulture and/or display feature in the following categories:

LANDSCAPE:

Daniel G. Kepich & Associates
Renny-The Perennial Farm
J. Cugliotta Landscape/Nursery, Inc.
Jaques Amand, The Bulb Specialists
Ledden Palimeno Design Build Landscape Co.
McNaughton's Nurseries Inc.
Burke Brothers Landscape Contractors, Inc.

FLORAL DESIGN:

Flowers by David Heller, Ltd., representing Florists' Transworld Delivery Association/FTD
Designs in Bloom
Robertson's
William J. Franklin Florist
Elverston Jordan
American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD)
LeRoy's Flowers & Gifts Inc.
Acorn & Finch Florist and Decorators
Fancy Branches

THE PHS AWARD OF MERIT for an **OUTSTANDING EXHIBIT** in the following categories:

ACADEMIC EDUCATIONAL:

Camden County Technical School, Pennsauken Campus
W. B. Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences

NONACADEMIC EDUCATIONAL:

Montreal Botanical Garden Zoological Society of Philadelphia

NONPROFIT DISPLAY: American Rhododendron Society, Greater Philadelphia Chapter

THE PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW AWARD for an **EXHIBIT OF DISTINCTION** in the following categories:

ACADEMIC EDUCATIONAL:

Horticulture Academy at Abraham Lincoln High School
The Pennsylvania State University, College of Agricultural Sciences, Cooperative Extension

NONACADEMIC EDUCATIONAL:

The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company
Fairmount Park Commission
Friends Hospital
Netherlands American Business Association
Philadelphia Water Department
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine

NONPROFIT DISPLAY:

African Violet Society of Philadelphia
American Ivy Society
Delaware Valley Fern and Wildflower Society
North American Rock Garden Society, Delaware Valley Chapter, and American Primrose Society, Doretta Klaber Chapter
Philadelphia Cactus & Succulent Society

FEATURE AWARDS

THE PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW, INC. SILVER TROPHY for the most distinctive exhibit in the Show: **J. Franklin Styer Nurseries, Inc.**

ALFRED M. CAMPBELL MEMORIAL TROPHY for the exhibit that demonstrates the most successful use of a variety of plants in a unique fashion: **J. Cugliotta Landscape/Nursery, Inc.**

THE MAYOR'S TROPHY for appropriate use of a wide selection of plants and/or cut flowers: **Daniel G. Kepich & Associates**

THE GOVERNOR'S TROPHY for successful integration of appropriate structural features and accessories into overall exhibit: **McNaughton's Nurseries Inc.**

THE PHILADELPHIA TROPHY for the most unusual design concept: **Renny-The Perennial Farm**

THE PHS COUNCIL TROPHY for the most accomplished display of forced plants and/or cut flowers: **Robertson's**

PHS GARDEN, ENTRYWAY, CONTAINER DISPLAY AND COLLECTION CLASS AWARDS

THE PHS GARDEN TROPHY to the **blue ribbon** winner in Competitive Class 151A "Picture Perfect": **Lower Merion High School, "Savannah Square"**
Gallagher Group, "Painting, Pots, and Chimney Tops"

THE PHS TROPHY to the **blue ribbon** winner in Competitive Class 152 "Accents & Grace Notes": **Wissahickon Garden Club, "A Matador's Retreat"**

THE PHS TROPHY to the **blue ribbon** winner in Competitive Class 155 & 155A, container display: **Garden Club of Philadelphia, "Barging Inn"**

SPECIAL AWARDS

CHICAGO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEDAL to an exhibit showing outstanding horticultural skill and knowledge: **Burke Brothers Landscape Contractors, Inc.**

THE PENNSYLVANIA LANDSCAPE AND NURSERY ASSOCIATION TROPHIES to the Competitive Classes **Garden** (Class 151) and **Entryway** (Class 152) showing the most effective use of plants and best use of design:

GARDEN: Lower Merion High School, "Savannah Square"

ENTRYWAY: All Saints Church-Wynnewood, "Brother Sun, Sister Moon"

MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY GOLD MEDAL to the Competitive Classes **Garden (Class 151)** demonstrating the best use of design: **Lower Merion High School, "Savannah Square"**

THE AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY CITATION for an exhibit of horticultural excellence which best demonstrates the bond between horticulture and the environment, and inspires the viewer to beautify home and community through skillful design and appropriate plant material: **U.S. EPA Region III**

BULKLEY MEDAL OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA to an exhibit of exceptional educational merit in the fields of horticulture, botany, or conservation: **Delaware Valley College, Dept. of Ornamental Horticulture & Environmental Design**

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS OF THE GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA awarded, if merited, to exhibits of unusual excellence:

CONSERVATION:

J. Cugliotta Landscape/Nursery, Inc. (1000 sq ft and over)
Delaware Valley College, Dept. of Ornamental Horticulture & Environmental Design, "Follow Nature's Path" (under 1000 sq ft)

EDUCATION:

Jaques Amand, The Bulb Specialists (1000 sq ft and over)
Zoological Society of Philadelphia "For the Birds" (under 1000 sq ft)

HORTICULTURE:

Meadowbrook Farm (1000 sq ft and over)
Philadelphia Cactus & Succulent Society, "Nature's Design for Survival" (under 1000 sq ft)

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF DELAWARE VALLEY AWARD to a garden containing plants suited to the Delaware Valley, in a setting that can primarily be maintained by one person: **Ledden Palimento Design Build Landscape Co.**

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FLORISTS FLOWER SHOW AWARD for the artistic presentation of flowers and plants for public enjoyment in the Floral Design category: **American Institute of Floral Designers (AFD)**

THE PHYLLIS M. CRAIG AWARD for the best use of flowering and/or foliage pot plants in the Floral Design category: **LeRoy's Flowers & Gifts, Inc.**

HORTICULTURE AWARDS

THE PHS RIBBON to the **highest scoring blue ribbon** entry of **one variety** in the Horticulture Classes:

Saturday: **Lee Morris Raden,** ***Draba longisiliqua***
Tuesday: **Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton,** ***Wisteria floribunda 'Alba'***
Friday: **Mrs. Lammot duPont Copeland, Garden Club of Wilmington,** ***Clivia miniata 'Sir John Thouron'***

THE PHS RIBBON to the **highest scoring blue ribbon** entry having **two or more varieties** in the

Horticulture Classes:
Saturday: **Clarke K. Ott,** ***Selaginella sp., Asparagus setaceus***
Tuesday: **Clarke K. Ott,** ***Selaginella sp., Asparagus setaceus***
Friday: **Betty Toland, Garden Club of Philadelphia**
THE PHS ORCHID AWARD for the **outstanding blue ribbon** winner in the Orchid Classes (Classes 500-519) on Saturday:
plant: ***Paphiopedilum*** **Invincible 'Spread Eagle'**
exhibited by: **Mrs. Samuel M.V. Hamilton**
THE EMILE H. GESCHICK MEMORIAL AWARD for distinctive orchid display: **Walt Off, Waldor Orchids**
AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW TROPHY for the most meritorious orchid exhibit: **Walt Off, Waldor Orchids**
AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY AWARDS:
plant: ***Paphiopedilum appletonianum var. aureum***
exhibited by: **Joe Volpe, Pinelands Orchid Society**
plant: ***Phalaenopsis*** **Liu Turen-Shen xDorothy's Pearls**
exhibited by: **Walt Off, Waldor Orchids**
plant: ***Phragmipedium*** **Sorcerer's Apprentice**
exhibited by: **Walt Off, Waldor Orchids**
THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW AWARD: Nancy Volpe, Pinelands Orchid Society, Phragmipedium 'Jason Fischer'
PHILADELPHIA UNIT OF THE HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC. AWARDS for an outstanding use of herbs or an individual specimen herb:
Burke Brothers Landscape Contractors, Inc., ***Heliotropium arborescens***
Gerald Robbins, Myrtus communis 'Microphylla'
Diane Wister, Garden Club of Wilmington, ***Pelargonium*** **'Prince Rupert"**
Diane Wister, Garden Club of Wilmington, ***Pelargonium*** **'Snowflake'**
Charles Cresson, ***Helleborous xnigercors***
Mrs. Lammott duPont Copeland, culinary herbs
Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton
THE DORETTA KLABER AWARD for the outstanding blue ribbon winner in the Rock Garden Classes 242, 243, 277, 278, 342, 343, 389, 442, 443 and 481: **Lee Morris Raden,** ***Draba longisiliqua***
THE NORTH AMERICAN ROCK GARDEN SOCIETY DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER RIBBONS for the **outstanding blue ribbon** winner in:
Hardy Primula (Class 242): **Lee Morris Raden,** ***Primula*** **xLoiseleri 'Lismore Yellow'**
Miniature Rock Garden (Class 243): **Margaret P. Bowditch, Wissahickon Garden Club,** ***Leptospermum scoparium***
Miniature Rock Garden (Class 244): **Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton,** ***Saxifraga***
Rock Garden Plant in Bloom (Class 277): **Lee Morris Raden,** ***Draba longisiliqua***
Rock Garden Plant, Natural Cushion (Class 278): **Joan Harvey,** ***Pinus strobus*** **'Kruger's Lilliput'**
Hardy Primula (Class 342): **Barbara Bruno,** ***Primula auricula***
Rock Garden Plant in Bloom (Class 343): **Margaret P. Bowditch,** ***Laurentia minuta***
Hardy Primula (Class 422): **Margaret P. Bowditch,** ***Primula denticulata***
Miniature Rock Garden (Class 443): **Margaret P. Bowditch,** ***Laurentia minuta***
Miniature Rock Garden (Class 444): **Ellen Smith**
Miniature Rock Garden (Class 445): **Betty Toland**
THE DELAWARE VALLEY DAFFODIL SOCIETY RIBBON for the **outstanding blue ribbon** winner in the **Narcissus** classes:
Saturday: **Lee Morris Raden,** ***Narcissus bulbocodium*** **'Tenuifolius'**
Tuesday: **Lee Morris Raden,** ***Narcissus bulbocodium*** **'Tenuifolius'**
Friday: **Art Wolk,** ***Narcissus*** **'Hawera'**
PHS Ribbon for the **outstanding blue ribbon** winners in the bulb section, other than *Narcissus:*
Saturday: **Mrs. Lammott duPont Copeland,** ***Anemone*** **'Mona Lisa"**
Tuesday: **Hutchie Cummin,** ***Arisaema ringens***
Friday: **Hutchie Cummin,** ***Arisaema ringens***
THE DORETTA KLABER CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PRIMROSE SOCIETY AWARD for the best ***Primula:***
Saturday**: Barbara Bruno, American Primrose Society,** ***Primula auricula***
Tuesday: **Margaret P. Bowditch,** ***Primula denticulata***
Friday: **Mrs. Lammot duPont Copeland,** ***Primula*** **Finesse Series Mix**
THE FAR OUT CACTUS AWARD for the **outstanding blue ribbon** winner in the rock garden classes: **Betty Toland,** ***Tavaresia barkleyi***
THE MEADOWBROOK FARM INDOOR GARDENING TROPHY to the **outstanding blue ribbon** winner in Collection Classes 160 and 170: **Dr. & Mrs. Gerald Barad, "Jewels of the Desert"**
THE EDITH WILDER SCOTT AWARD given by Four Counties Garden Club for the **outstanding blue ribbon** winner in the Horticulture Classes: **Sylvia Lin, Wissahickon Garden Club,** ***Begonia prismatocarpa*** **'Variegation'**
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE for an exhibit of great distinction in a competitive class**: Dr. & Mrs. Gerald Barad, "Jewels of the Desert"**

ARTISTIC CLASSES AWARDS

BLUE AND GOLD RIBBON OF THE GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA presented to the **highest scoring blue ribbon** winner in the **Niche** Classes on Saturday: **Audrey Nichols & Ginnie Tietjenns**
Monday: **Karen Milbourne & Ken Roberts,**
Wednesday: **Jennifer Morrison & Mary Jo Strawbridge, The Garden Workers**
Friday: **Joyce Langelier & Kay Leto**
Saturday: **Pamela Danner, Four Lanes End Garden Club**
BLUE AND GOLD RIBBON OF THE GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA presented to the **highest scoring blue ribbon** winner in the **Miniature Arrangement** Classes:
Saturday: **Dorothy & Robert S. Freeman, Planters Garden Club**
Thursday: **Emilie Lapham & Leslie Purple**
BLUE AND GOLD RIBBON OF THE GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA to the **highest scoring blue ribbon** winner in the **Defined and Open Space** Classes:
Saturday: **Susan Schuehler**
Wednesday: **Sally Foley & Jose Juico**
Friday: **Susan Detjens & Pinkie Roe**
PHS TROPHY to the **outstanding blue ribbon** winner in **Miniature Arrangement** Classes: **Dorothy & Robert Freeman, Planters Garden Club**
PHS TROPHY to the **outstanding blue ribbon** winner in **Pressed Plant Material** Classes: **W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr.**
PHS TROPHY to the **outstanding blue ribbon** winner in **Miniature Settings** Classes: **Kathleen & Angelina Gibney**
PHS ROOM TROPHY to the **outstanding blue ribbon** winner in the **Room** Classes: **Lisa Muller & Paul Pawlaczyk, "Drawing from Memory"**
THE FTD DISTRICT 3-B TROPHY for the **outstanding arrangement of the week** in the **Room and Table** Classes: **Judy Finestone & Margaret Hunter, Maple Glen Garden Club, "Free Tibet"**

SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

PHS HORTICULTURAL SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY (Runner-up) for the **individual** accumulating the second greatest number of points in the **Horticulture** Classes: **Sylvia Lin (813 pts.)**
PHS HORTICULTURAL SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY for the **individual** accumulating the greatest number of points in the **Horticulture** Classes: **Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton (1625 pts.)**
MARGAH FLOOD MEMORIAL TROPHY of the Huntingdon Valley Garden Club for the **horticultural organization** accumulating the greatest number of points in the **Horticulture** Classes: **Wissahickon Garden Club (1676 pts.)**
Runner-up: **The Garden Club of Wilmington**
SARAH C. Z. GROOME AWARD to the **individual** accumulating the greatest number of points in the following Artistic Classes: Niches, Defined and Open Spaces, Miniature Arrangements, Pressed Plant Material, Designs for Jewelry, Designs for Needle Art, Rooms and Tables: **W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr. (87 pts.), Berks County Horticultural Club**
Runner-up: **Ann Fox Hanes**
PHS ARTISTIC SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY for the horticultural **organization** accumulating the greatest number of points in the **Artistic** Section: **Wissahickon Garden Club (212 pts.)**
Runner-up: **Huntingdon Valley Garden Club (137 pts.)**
THE MARGARET BUCKLEY ZANTZINGER AWARD for the **garden club** accumulating the greatest number of points in **all competitive sections** of the Show: **Wissahickon Garden Club (1998 pts.)**
THE PHS GRAND SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY donated by Mrs. Henry W. Breyer, Jr. to the **individual** accumulating the greatest number of points in **all competitive sections** of the Show: **Alice Farley (177 pts.)**
Runner-up: **Rosemarie Vassalluzzo (173 pts.)**

Activities and Events

1. AT HOME SERIES: The Lure of the Tropics
Wednesday, April 7, 10:00am - noon
Malvern, PA
Michael Bowell, owner of "Create a Scene" Gallery in Kimberton, will discuss the challenges of growing a "mixed bag" of plants from orchids to tropicals in a unique greenhouse setting: watering, fertilizing, and meeting the cultural requirements of similar but different types of plants. Michael has been a major exhibitor and frequent winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Class limit: 20. Fee $15 nonmembers; $13 members.

2. BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES:
Container Gardens
Thursday, April 8, noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium
Kent Russell, perennial specialist from Russell Gardens Wholesale, will discuss annuals, perennials, and tender tropicals appropriate for container growing in a variety of situations. Get fresh ideas for interesting plant combinations and tips for successfully maintaining potted gardens. Please bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee $5.

3. Planning a Perennial Garden
3 Sessions, Tuesdays, April 13, 20, and 27
10:00am - noon
PHS Auditorium
Join **Jane Lennon** of Cherrymont Farm Nursery for three sessions of perennial garden strategy. Learn how to evaluate and prepare your site and establish realistic goals for your project. Jane will discuss developing a planting plan, choosing suitable plants, shopping for plants, and living with your garden. Class limit: 18. Fee $79 nonmembers; $75 members.

4. WORKSHOP: Techniques for Arranging in Glass
Tuesday, April 20, 10:00am - noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
Learn techniques for arranging flowers in "see-through" containers. **Jane Godshalk** will demonstrate innovative techniques for organically binding flowers together into balanced, artful arrangements. Jane is a frequent exhibitor and winner in both the Philadelphia Flower and Harvest Shows. Please bring clippers or scissors. Flowers and glass vases will be provided. Class limit: 20. Fee $45 nonmembers; $40 members.

5. Propagating PHS Gold Medal Plants
Thursday, April 22, 6:00 - 8:00pm
PHS Auditorium
Chuck Feld, owner of Birmingham Gardens in West Chester, PA, will discuss and demonstrate various propagation methods including seed, soft and hardwood cuttings, grafting, and budding. Appropriate soils, rooting hormones, timing, and cultural practices will also be covered. Class limit: 24. Fee $35 nonmembers; $30 members (includes all workshop materials and a light supper).

6. Spring Lawn Care
Saturday, April 24, 9:30 - 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA
In this program geared to homeowners, Chanticleer horticulturist **Peter Brindle** will discuss the basics of spring lawn care, including grass types, when and how to fertilize, mowing heights, weed control, and various types of mowers. Class limit: 20. Fee $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

7. WORKSHOP: Container Gardening
Wednesday, April 28, 10:00am - noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
Nanci Walsh, retail manager at Meadowbrook Farm, will cover the basics of gardening in containers and guide you through choosing and combining appropriate plants for your site. Class limit: 20. Fee $39 nonmembers; $35 members (includes plants, pots, and all materials).

8. SPRING WALK:
The Henry Foundation for Botanical Research
Thursday, May 6, 10:00am – 1:00pm
Gladwyne, PA
Dedicated to the preservation of rare native-American plants, the Henry Foundation is sited on a dramatic property that provides microclimates for a wide diversity of plants. Director Susan P. Treadway will be our guide. Please bring a sandwich; PHS will provide dessert and a beverage. Program limit: 20. Fee $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

9. AT HOME: Woodland by Design
Friday, May 7, 10:00am – noon
Pottstown, PA
With the help of experienced designers, Fran and Harold Litvin have created a stunning "woodland garden" in their backyard. Expert Yvonne England will lead a tour amongst lovely native and exotic shrubs, wildflowers, ponds, bogs, and more. Program limit: 25. Fee $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

10. AT HOME: Spring in a Woodland Garden
Tuesday, May 11, 10:00am – noon
Rydal, PA
Nearly 40 years ago, the Rolands chose this woodland site for their garden, and then designed their home to complement the setting. Lucille Roland will guide us along the winding paths of her garden, discussing the joys and challenges of gardening in the woods. Program limit 20. Fee $15 nonmembers; $12 members.

11. Bees!
Saturday, May 15, 9:30 – 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA
Learn about honeybees and the vital role they play in our gardens. **Przemek Walczak**, beekeeper and Chanticleer horticulturist, will tell us about honeybee biology, bee-keeping history, honey production, and more. A glass hive will enable us to safely view bees at work, and we'll also go into the garden to see Chanticleer's beehives. *(Note: This class is not intended to teach bee keeping).* Program limit: 24. Fee $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

12. FIELD TRIP: Union Church and Kykuit
Thursday, May 20, 7:15am – 7:15pm
Hudson River Valley, NY
Our visit begins with a tour of historic Union Church in Pocantico Hills, which features stained glass windows by Marc Chagall and Henri Matisse. After a box lunch at Philipsburg Manor, we'll tour the gardens of Kykuit, an estate which was home to four generations of Rockefellers overlooking the Hudson River. Kykuit was part of the central feature of the 1999 Philadelphia Flower Show. Fee $90 nonmembers, $85 members (includes bus, all entrance & guide fees, refreshments on the bus, and lunch).
Please indicate where you would like to be picked up on the reservation form.

13. A Visit to MeadowBloom: Garden Tour and Luncheon
Tuesday, May 25, 10:45am – 1:00pm
Snowdenville, Chester County, PA
Artist **Sam Kenworthy**'s five-acre garden showcases his talents as an artist and horticulturist. Whimsical sculptures, original art, and architectural elements are highlighted among interesting plant combinations. Join Sam and his menagerie of creatures and wandering peacocks for a leisurely garden tour. Luncheon follows. Limit: 30. Members only.
Fee of $35 (includes tour and luncheon).

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Reservations, required for all members' programs, may be made through the reservation form (below). Fill out and mail to: **PHS Activities, attn: Sally Kutyla, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495.** Please include full payment. Reservations may also be made by phone. Call **(215) 988-8775**. Please have your Visa or Mastercard ready. ***Confirmations for all events will be mailed except for Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series.*** Travel directions will be mailed for events away from PHS.

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☐ *Delaware County, PA*
Sunday, 5/16/99, noon – 5:00pm
Members $5_____
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☐ *Main Line, PA*
Sunday, 6/6/99, noon – 5:00pm
Members $5_____
Guests $10_____
Children under 12 $2_____

12. FIELD TRIP:
Union Church and Kykuit
Thursday, May 20, 7:15am – 7:15pm
Hudson River Valley, NY

I would like to be picked up at:
☐ Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park
☐ Center City

More Information
☐ Please send me a brochure for the 1999 Conference on Woody Plants

Mark Your Calendars for PHS Garden Visits!

Take advantage of one of the most popular benefits of PHS membership when generous garden owners open their gardens to PHS members on Sunday afternoons in the spring. Please use the reservation form to order your tickets in advance. Out of courtesy to garden owners and to protect the gardens from excessive traffic, **PHS must limit registration. If the tour fills, tickets may not be available the day of the tour.**

Garden Visits coordinator Nancy Greenwood has arranged two tours for 1999: May 16 in Delaware County and June 6 on the Main Line.

Delaware County

Sunday, May 16, noon – 5:00pm

See how gardens feature ponds, pools, fountains, and streams; or how architectural elements enhance the surrounding grounds. View gardens from intimate terraces or from expansive vistas. Visit gardens designed and planted decades ago, and others in the process of development. Wherever your interest may lie, this garden tour has something for you.

Main Line

Sunday, June 6, noon – 5:00pm

Depending on the owner's special interests, you'll see lavish gardens showcasing roses, perennials, and Japanese koi; and simple gardens taking their richness from the site's natural beauty. Also, see creative solutions to steeply sloping terrain, flat corner lots, and other site problems.

We'd Love to Hear Your Comments!

What do you think about the content of *PHS News*? What would you like to see more of? Are there articles you would like to comment on or have ideas for new articles? You, our readers, play a crucial role in how we decide on content for the *News*.

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The Providence Garden Club of Pennsylvania will hold its 51st Annual Plant Sale, Saturday, May 1, 1999, at the Williamson Free Trade School located on 106 S. Middletown Road (Route 352), Middletown Township, PA. Purchase from a wide variety of annuals, perennials, and hanging baskets. Hours are from 9am-2pm. Please contact Linda Butler for more information, (610) 565-0973.

The Penn State Montgomery County Cooperative Extension is having its **Master Gardener Plant Sale** on Saturday, May 22, 9-3pm, at the Montgomery County Cooperative Extension Office, 1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA. Contact Joan Miller, (215) 699-4539, for more information.

Wetlands and Water Gardens is this year's theme of the **Ninth Annual Native Plants in the Landscape Conference** to be held Thursday through Saturday, June 10-12, 1999, at Millersville University, Millersville, PA. A wide array of native plants will also be available for the buying. For more information, contact Millersville University Office of Continuing Education, (717) 872-3030; or email David Dobbins, *ddobbins@marauder.millersv.edu*

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PHS Hotline...

Q: When is the last spring frost?

A: The last spring frost can occur any time from mid-April through mid-May. Cold air masses from Canada and warm air masses from the Gulf of Mexico affect temperatures in the Delaware Valley. The last frost date in your garden will also be affected by the garden's microclimate. Different features of your garden, such as a windy hill or a sunny wall, cause microclimates. Southern or western exposures are the warmest, whereas northern exposures are the coldest. Sandy soils will warm up more quickly in the spring than heavier, clay soils. Resist the temptation to start planting too early. Seedlings that have been started indoors need to "harden off" before they are planted outdoors. About two weeks before planting, leave the plants (in their flats or peat pots) outdoors for a few hours each day. Gradually increase the outdoor time until the plants are outside all the time.

PHS's Horticultural Hotline is open Monday - Friday, 9:30am - noon. Phone: (215) 988-8777; Fax: (215) 988-8783; email: *jalling@pennhort.org*

THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

Germantown Avenue Streetscape

Philadelphia Green Partners With GGHDC to Give Germantown Avenue a New Look

Main Street America is coming to Germantown Avenue. *How?* It's all part of the partnership between Philadelphia Green and the Greater Germantown Housing Development Corporation (GGHDC) to revitalize and improve the quality of life of this residential neighborhood.

Germantown Avenue: Conceptual Streetscape Design

When approached by GGHDC to plant street trees along the Avenue, Philadelphia Green (PG) had a more ambitious idea. "Here was an opportunity for us [Philadelphia Green] to do something bigger," said Don Holub, PG project manager. "We wanted a full-fledged streetscape plan that would include facade improvements, special paving, and additional street furnishings, such as benches, trash receptacles, and lighting. Together, these improvements will attract more businesses, encourage residents to stay, and improve the value and quality of life in the area."

Thanks to a conceptual "streetscape" design, Germantown Avenue near Freedom Square (between Wister and Collom Streets) is getting a whole new look. The idea is to make the area more conducive to business, while also maintaining the architectural character of the area. "Germantown used to be a thriving shopping district," Holub notes. "When it started to decline, a lot of people moved away. We want to restore the historically commercial area to its full splendor." (Interestingly, Freedom Square is also the birthplace of the abolitionist movement in the United States.)

PG invested in startup costs for design services, while the Prudential Insurance Company gave GGHDC a grant of $15,000 for facade improvements. PG is also pursuing other sources of funding. The project is planned to begin in the summer or early fall.

"Although the Avenue is considered a 'model demonstration block,' we are looking to continue our partnership with the GGHDC, ultimately doing improvements all up and down Germantown Avenue," Holub concludes.

Philadelphia Green's partnership with GGHDC demonstrates the potential for improvement, revitalization, and beautification in other neighborhoods throughout our city. This successful partnership has had a rippling effect. When the Frankford Group Ministries heard of what was going on with Germantown Avenue, they, too, approached PG about doing a streetscape along Frankford Avenue. *Stay tuned!*

—By Pamela Vu

Conference on Woody Plants for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries, July 23, 1999, at Swarthmore College

The 1999 Conference on Woody Plants for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries will be held at Swarthmore College on Friday, July 23, 1999, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Experts including horticulturists, designers, and gardeners in woody plant-related fields will discuss everything from new trends in tree care and culture, small trees for the landscape, cutting edge plants, and the mixed border, to creating sustainable landscapes. Guest speakers include: **Kris Bachtell**, Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL; **Nina Bassuk**, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; **Richard Hartlage**, Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden, Seattle, WA; **Edward Hasselkus**, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI; **Brian Maynard**, University of Rhode Island, Peace Dale, RI; and **Don Shadow**, Shadow Nursery, Winchester, TN.

This conference is jointly sponsored by Longwood Gardens, Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and Tyler Arboretum.

If you would like to receive a brochure, please check the appropriate box on the reservation form. Those who attended the 1998 conference will automatically receive a brochure. Brochures will be mailed in early May.

PEPPERPOT

Although the 1999 Flower Show is over, the words "thank you" can still be heard echoing down the halls of PHS. Although we try as hard as we can to include all volunteers in our thanks, I'm afraid we missed a few. In this Pepperpot, I not only wanted to thank the unheralded heroes for this year's Show, but also to let our members know about special volunteer groups that are part of the PHS family.

First, there are the early birds who lead Show tours each morning, long before the Show opens to the public. To qualify for these special tours, groups must hail from more than 100 miles beyond Philadelphia. To each group, we assign an expert guide—Show exhibitors, volunteers and PHS staff members—with lots of behind-the-scenes stories to share. This year, some 900 out-of-towners joined us for these tours, hailing from California and Texas, to Ohio and the outer reaches of Pennsylvania. Chiefs-in-charge of organizing the groups, and training and organizing the tour guides are chair, Nancy Greenwood, and vice chairs, Cynthia Cheston and Alice Doering. To you all and to our guides, we say thanks for being very special ambassadors to the Philadelphia Flower Show.

If you have friends from afar who would enjoy a special visit to next year's Show, have them organize eight or more of their friends and contact Jane Alling, PHS assistant librarian, who also doubles as our Early Morning Tour coordinator (215-988-8772 or email: *jalling@pennhort.org*).

Also serving as ambassadors for PHS at this year's Show were members of the Members Committee, who played a pivotal role in the development and running of our membership campaign. You may have seen them at the membership booths at Show entrances, but what you probably did not see were the hours they spent ahead of Show time. They helped provide timely responses to the wonderful group of new members who came to us through our direct-mail campaign in early February. We'll bring you more information on the success of the campaign in an upcoming *PHS News*, but in the meantime, welcome to our many new members and grateful thanks to the Members Committee, chaired by Pat Sanders, with special Flower Show help from Tina Colehower and Mary Ann Thomas.

We couldn't have done it without all of you!

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
President

1999 Philadelphia Green Brunch Honors Local Heros

A sea of candles lit up the ballroom at the Flower Show, as 600 community gardeners and volunteers celebrated Philadelphia Green's 25th anniversary at the 1999 PG Brunch.

Highlights included the announcement of the recently awarded $1 million grant by the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund to PHS to revitalize neighborhood parks, as well as honoring members of our community for their tireless commitment to Philadelphia Green.

The Philadelphia Mural Arts Program and PNC Bank were singled out for their commitment to improving the quality of life in our region.

Among the individual honorees were Hayward Ford, Mamie Nichols, Barbara Kaplan, and Ernesta Ballard.

Hayward Ford is a long-time volunteer who played a key role in developing the Aspen Farms Community Garden in West Philadelphia, one of the city's earliest community gardens.

Community leader Mamie Nichols believes in her own individual power and the power of the people, working with Philadelphia Green and the community to transform Point Breeze into a model "Green Countrie Towne."

Barbara Kaplan, executive director of the city's Planning Commission, has been a staunch advocate of community green space for nearly 25 years. Before it was trendy to think "green," Barbara worked with Philadelphia and Penn State Urban Gardening to explore ways to preserve community gardens.

Finally, Ernesta Ballard, who for 18 years was the chief executive of PHS (7 of those as President), had an idea: make gardening accessible to everyone. Philadelphia Green stemmed from this simple idea and it has grown to become a model program for urban greening. Fondly known as the "mother of Philadelphia Green," Ernesta's vision and dedication set the standard for those who would follow her.

Congratulations to all.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities...

Volunteer for City Hall in Bloom. Have fun planting impatiens and flowering vincas while beautifying our historical City Hall for all to enjoy. Date is May 25 with rain date set for May 27, 9 to 1:00pm.

Junior Flower Show is the week of May 10th at a new location this year—the Horticulture Center. Theme is "Art in the Garden." Interested in volunteering as a judge or clerk, in entering, or visiting the Show? Call (215) 988-8897, for more information.

Attention City Gardeners!

Be a judge:
Spend a day in July among tomatoes, zinnias, petunias, and zucchini. Visit gardens as large as city blocks or as tiny as a backyard corner. We need your expertise! Call (215) 988-8897, for more information.

Be a contestant:
If you garden in Philadelphia, you qualify to enter the City Gardens Contest. Amateur gardeners compete in a number of different categories from flower to vegetable to container gardens. To obtain an entry blank, call (215) 988-8897.

Art Wolk Receives Award for *Green Scene* Article

The Garden Writers Association of America (GWAA) awarded Art Wolk its Quill and Trowel Award for Magazine Writing for his article "Planting the Seeds for Future Gardeners," which appeared in the March 1998 *Green Scene*. (Art is a regular contributor to *Green Scene*.)

At this year's Philadelphia Flower Show, Art won 10 blue ribbons and Outstanding Blue Rosette for his daffodils. He also provided most of the pots of *Narcissus* in the "Forcers of Destiny" display which won a variety of awards.

He will accept the Quill and Trowel Award in August at the annual GWWA symposium in Toronto.

Congratulations to Art Wolk for a well-deserved honor!

Kick Off to the The Azalea Garden Workday

Wednesday, March 17, 1999, was the first day back to work for volunteers of the Azalea Garden. It was a picture-perfect day for them to unleash their energy in Fairmount Park.

Their first task was to prune the roses and barberry shrubs around the Italian fountain just outside the garden. The shrubs were so high and thick that the tremendous steeds of the fountain could barely be seen.

After a brief demonstration on "deep pruning," and the distribution of "thorn-proof" gloves, the volunteers took over the thinning of the thorny shrubs with gusto. Within three hours, the aging and thick-wooded shrubs were thinned and the grounds raked to reveal, once again, the statuesque steeds of the fountain in their glory.

Thanks to chairperson Lee Gutman, past chair Mark Zaharchuk, Karen and Harry Bower, Lisa Messer, Jane Gourley, Ginger Nicholson, Joan Bedell, and Natalie Auerbach, the Azalea Garden Workday kick off was a hit.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Joan Kapczynski at (215) 988-8865.

—By Marilyn Romenesko

"Why send your Mum only a dozen roses when you could send the Philadelphia Flower Show?"

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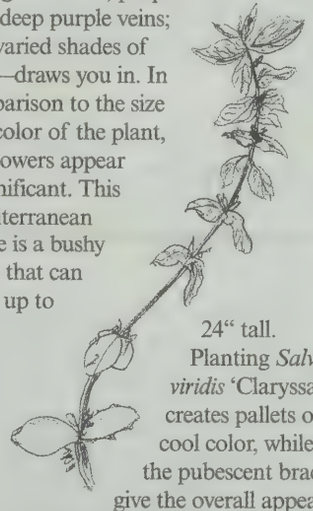
PLANT PROFILE:

Salvia viridis, syn. S. horminum
(annual clary sage)

The first time I saw *Salvia viridis* 'Claryssa' I was struck by its wonderful variegated foliage. Its motley display of bracts—white with green veins; pink with dark green veins; purple with deep purple veins; and varied shades of blue—draws you in. In comparison to the size and color of the plant, the flowers appear insignificant. This Mediterranean native is a bushy plant that can grow up to 24" tall.



Planting *Salvia viridis* 'Claryssa' creates pallets of cool color, while the pubescent bracts give the overall appearance of looking through a filtered lens. The plant is a long laster as cut foliage, and works well as a dried plant. For best results, hang plant directly after cutting. (Be sure to dry out of direct sunlight to prevent fading.)

Other varieties of solid-colored *Salvia viridis* include, 'Oxford Blue', 'Pink Sundae', and 'White Swan'.

—Eva Monheim, Horticulturist and Instructor

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Activities and Events

Spring Walk: The Henry Foundation for Botanical Research
Thursday, May 6, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Gladwyne, PA
Dedicated to the preservation of rare Native-American plants, the **Henry Foundation** is sited on a dramatic property that provides microclimates for a wide diversity of plants. Director **Susan P. Treadway** will be our guide. Please bring a sandwich; PHS will provide dessert and a beverage. Program limit: 20. Fee $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

At Home: Woodland by Design
Friday, May 7, 10:00am – noon
Pottstown, PA
With the help of experienced designers, **Fran and Harold Litvin** have created a stunning "woodland garden" in their backyard. Expert **Yvonne England** will lead a tour amongst lovely native and exotic shrubs, wildflowers, ponds, bogs, and more. Program limit: 25. Fee $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

At Home: Spring in a Woodland Garden
Tuesday, May 11, 10:00am – noon
Rydal, PA
Nearly 40 years ago, the Rolands chose this woodland site for their garden, and then designed their home to complement the setting. **Lucille Roland** will guide us along the winding paths of her garden, discussing the joys and challenges of gardening in the woods. Program limit 20. Fee $15 nonmembers; $12 members.

Bees!
Saturday, May 15, 9:30 – 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA
Learn about honeybees and the vital role they play in our gardens. **Przemek Walczak**, beekeeper and Chanticleer horticulturist, will tell us about honeybee biology, bee-keeping history, honey production, and more. A glass hive will enable us to safely view bees at work, and we'll also go into the garden to see Chanticleer's beehives. (*Note: This class is not intended to teach bee keeping*). Program limit: 24. Fee $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

Garden Visits: Delaware County
Sunday, May 16, noon – 5:00pm
See how gardens feature ponds, pools, fountains, and streams; or how architectural elements enhance the surrounding grounds. View gardens from intimate terraces or from expansive vistas. Visit gardens designed and planted decades ago, and others in the process of development. Wherever your interest may lie, this garden tour has something for you. Fee $10 nonmembers; $5 members; children under 12 $2.

Field Trip: Union Church and Kykuit
Thursday, May 20, 7:15am – 7:15pm
Hudson River Valley, NY
Our visit begins with a tour of historic **Union Church** in Pocantico Hills, which features stained glass windows by Marc Chagall and Henri Matisse. After a box lunch at Philipsburg Manor, we'll tour the gardens of **Kykuit**, an estate which was home to four generations of Rockefellers overlooking the Hudson River. Kykuit was part of the central feature of the 1999 Philadelphia Flower Show. Fee $90 nonmembers, $85 members (includes bus, all entrance & guide fees, refreshments on the bus, and lunch). *Please indicate where you would like to be picked up on the reservations form.*

A Visit to MeadowBloom: Garden Tour and Luncheon
Tuesday, May 25, 10:45am – 1:00pm
Snowdenville, Chester County, PA
Artist **Sam Kenworthy**'s five-acre garden showcases his talents as an artist and horticulturist. Whimsical sculptures, original art, and architectural elements are highlighted among interesting plant combinations. Join Sam and his menagerie of creatures and wandering peacocks for a leisurely garden tour. Luncheon follows. Limit: 30. Fee of $35 (includes tour and luncheon). Members only.

Gear Up for the 1999 City Gardens Contest
Wednesday, June 2, 6:00 - 7:00pm
PHS Auditorium
Thinking of entering the **City Gardens Contest** or volunteering as a judge? Learn how to enter the contest, what the judges are looking for, how points are awarded, and how to prepare your garden. Meet past and present contestants and judges, and see slides of winning gardens. Judges will also learn how to use the Internet to map out their route. Light refreshments will be served. This program is free of charge; please pre-register using the reservations form.

At Home: Traditional Design - Uncommon Plants
Thursday, June 3, 10:00am - noon
Downingtown, PA
David Culp will show us how he began with a very traditional design—the four square garden often seen in 18th century Pennsylvania—and fashioned it into a modern country garden that showcases his historic Chester County farmhouse. Hellebores, hostas, and new perennial cultivars cozy up to ornamental vegetables and roses; succulents spill from cracks in old walls; and a woodland garden is in the works. David Culp is a sales representative from Sunny Border Nursery, where he also participates in research and development. Program limit: 20. Fee $15. Members only.

Garden Visits: Main Line
Sunday, June 6, noon – 5:00pm
Depending on the owner's special interests, you'll see lavish gardens showcasing roses, perennials, and Japanese koi; and simple gardens taking their richness from the site's natural beauty. Also, see creative solutions to steeply sloping terrain, flat corner lots, and other site problems. Fee $10 nonmembers; $5 members; children under 12 $2.

Workshop: Growing for the Harvest Show, Part I
Monday, June 7, 6:00 - 7:30pm
"The Spring Garden" 18th and Wallace Streets
Philadelphia, PA
Doris Stahl of the Penn State Urban Gardening Program offers tips for those interested in growing vegetables, flowers, and herbs for the Philadelphia Harvest Show. Learn how to grow prize-winning entries from previous winners, and get first-hand experience with the planting of a test plot at "The Spring Garden." Part II will be a follow-up harvest workshop on September 13, just in time for the 1999 Philadelphia Harvest Show. All are invited to attend free of charge, but pre-registration is required. Travel directions will be mailed.

Late Afternoon Garden Tour and Reception
Tuesday, June 8, 5:00 - 7:00pm
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
J. Liddon Pennock, Jr. will host members of PHS and their guests for

a leisurely early evening visit. We'll tour the house and gardens famous for its garden rooms and meticulously manicured topiaries and hedges. Meander through the gardens at your own pace while enjoying musical entertainment by harpist **Cheryl Cunningham**. Light refreshments will be served on the terrace. The commercial garden center and greenhouse will be open this evening. This is a rain or shine event. Fee $20 members; $25 guests.

Garden Ornaments: Pleasures and Pitfalls

A Visit to Garden Accents
Thursday, June 10, 6:00 - 8:00pm
West Conshohocken, PA

A carefully chosen and placed garden ornament can personalize your garden in a way no other element can. Join **Liz Schumacher** at Garden Accents in West Conshohocken for a discussion on the various types of ornamental and functional accessories available to complement your garden. Following a slide presentation, take time to peruse Garden Accents' display of imported ornaments and have refreshments in the garden. Fee $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

Workshop: Pressed Flower Art

Tuesday, June 15, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Victoria Mowrer Lashley will demonstrate simple pressing techniques of Oshibana (Japanese idea of making pressed flower compositions). Students will make postcard-sized compositions, some suitable for framing. Victoria has studied Japanese flower pressing in Japan. She has exhibited in Japan, Philadelphia, and New York. All materials needed to complete the project, including a reusable flower press, will be provided. Please bring tweezers, manicure scissors, a notebook, and fresh or pressed flowers to share. Additional details will be provided upon registration. Beginners welcome. Program limit: 15. Fee $69 nonmembers; $65 members.

Evening Garden Walks

Wednesdays, June 16, July 14, and August 25
6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

PHS members will have the special opportunity to join Chanticleer executive director **Chris Woods** for a series of early evening walks through the estate of Chanticleer. This "pleasure garden" in Wayne, features complex plantings of annuals, perennials, vines, tropical plants, trees, and shrubs. Chris will discuss how singular plants, plant combinations, and creative design are used to bring interest and rich texture to the garden. Topics for discussion will vary on each of the walks, reflecting how the garden changes as the season progresses. Program limit: 20. Fee for each evening is $15; or $39 for all three. Members only.

Field Trip: Dumbarton Oaks and The Smithsonian Institution

Thursday, June 17, 7:00am - 7:00pm
Washington, DC

We'll begin our day in Georgetown, with a guided tour of **Dumbarton Oaks,** the classic formal garden created for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss by Beatrix Farrand. After lunch on our own, we will visit the National Museum of Natural History, **Smithsonian Institution**, to view the special exhibit **Margaret Mee: Return to the Amazon**. Margaret Mee was a botanical artist, adventurer, and naturalist who made 15 forays into the Amazon to document flora of the rain forest. Botanical illustrator **Louisa Rawle Tiné** will accompany the tour and serve as our guide for the Margaret Mee exhibit. Fee $65 nonmembers; $60 members (includes transportation, entrance and guide fees, and light refreshments on the bus. Lunch is not included). *Please indicate where you would like to be picked up on the reservations form.*

Field Trip: Ladew Gardens and Bluemount Nurseries

Tuesday, June 22, 7:15am - 7:00pm
Monkton, MD

We'll travel to Monkton, MD, to tour the home and gardens of **Harvey S. Ladew**. This 22-acre garden features topiary, fountains, statuary, ponds, and ornamental plants. We'll have lunch at a private garden, whose owner has a passion for irises. After lunch, we'll have time to explore the extensive gardens, where *Iris ensata* should be in full bloom. Afterward, we'll visit Bluemount Nurseries, Inc., a wholesale perennial nursery producing over a million container-grown plants yearly. Bluemount's president, Martha Simon Pindale, will lead a tour of the production areas and her own garden, containing hundreds of unusual perennials and rock garden plants. Fee $83 nonmembers; $78 members. *Please indicate where you would like to be picked up on the reservations form.*

Workshop: Arranging from the Garden

Wednesday, July 21, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Lisa Crock, horticulturist at Chanticleer, will lead an arranging workshop designed for gardeners. Lisa will demonstrate design basics and how to incorporate interesting elements from the garden, such as twigs, moss, and branches. Tips for conditioning flowers will be included. We'll gather flowers and foliage from the garden, and then create arrangements to take home. Please bring clippers and a container approximately six inches high with a three-inch opening. Program limit: 20. Fee $25 nonmembers; $20 members.

At Home: An Urban Oasis

Wednesday, July 28, 6:00 - 7:30pm
Philadelphia, PA

Michael LoFurno and **Stephen Maciejewski** turned an abandoned city lot into an oasis for birds, butterflies, and other visitors. Joined in this effort by **Michael Thompson**, the three neighbors garden in this "multi-room" environment with serpentine trails, raised beds, sun-filled patios, and a lathe house brimming with orchids. Woodland plants, perennial wildflowers, and fruit-bearing trees, shrubs, and vines combine to create this lively garden, which has won first prize in the City Gardens Contest several times. Program limit: 18. Fee $18 nonmembers; members $15; and $18 guests.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

Spring Rally Proves Fruitful for Big Apple Gardens

More than 100 beautiful community gardens in New York City that were scheduled to go on the auction block were spared at the eleventh hour. On May 13, 1999, a judge ruled that city officials had violated New York law by not considering the urban impact of the sale and suspended the sale. As the auction date neared, pro-garden demonstrators from New York and other cities also rallied against the sale in Bryant Park, all as part of the aptly dubbed "Standing Our Ground" movement.

A procession of pro-garden demonstrators, including PG staffer Jeff Tober (*right*) and president of NGA Board of Directors, Hayward Ford (*left*), takes center stage at New York's Bryant Park, to stop the sale of more than 100 community gardens in NYC.

According to State Supreme Court Justice Richard Huttner, officials failed to look at how neighborhoods would be affected once these gardens were taken away. Better yet, following the decision, negotiations between city officials and a coalition of neighborhood preservation groups resulted in the purchase of all the properties by the Trust for Public Land. The private, nonprofit conservation group offered the city $4.2 million for the gardens ($1.2 million of which was raised by singer/actress Bette Midler).

In Philadelphia, the Neighborhood Gardens Association (NGA) took the lead in rallying local community gardeners on behalf of gardeners in New York City. Hundreds of signatures from the Philadelphia Flower Show were sent to Mayor Giuliani, along with a request to stop the sale. Thirty people took the NGA-sponsored bus to Manhattan for a special "Standing Our Ground" rally to protest the sale on Saturday, April 10, 1999.

"The rally was spirited and incredibly energizing," said Philadelphia Green staffer Jeff Tober, who carried a colorful banner in the procession of gardeners. "People have promised to fight tooth and nail to protect their community gardens. And our own Hayward Ford, (president of the NGA Board of Directors and leader of Aspen Farms Community Garden), spoke for the Philadelphia delegation."

"I hope that this decision will make city officials everywhere think twice before they decide to take gardens back. The events surrounding the auction have become more than a New York issue. This could happen in Philadelphia, too," Jeff emphasized.

Indeed, the New York story is an important lesson for Philadelphia community gardeners. Unless gardeners own their gardens, they are at the mercy of city administrators and policymakers. Over the past two decades, several city gardens have been lost to development.

As a result of these losses, NGA was founded in 1986 by PHS and Penn State Urban Gardening for the sole purpose of preserving community gardens. Since that time, NGA has taken title to 20 gardens around the city and holds two long-term leases for others.

So do you know who owns your garden land? And do you have a long-term plan for your garden? If not, NGA can help. Just give a call to **NGA at (215) 988-8797**. Remember—we don't want to suffer the same problem our gardening friends in New York just went through. Call today and help preserve your city garden for the future.

By Terry Mushovic

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Conference on Woody Plants for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries, July 23, 1999, at Swarthmore College

The 1999 Conference on Woody Plants for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries will be held at Swarthmore College on Friday, July 23, 1999, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Experts including horticulturists, designers, and gardeners in woody plant-related fields will discuss everything from new trends in tree care and culture, small trees for the landscape, cutting edge plants, and the mixed border, to creating sustainable landscapes. Guest speakers include: **Kris Bachtell**, Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL; **Nina Bassuk**, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; **Richard Hartlage**, Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden, Seattle, WA; **Edward Hasselkus**, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI; **Brian Maynard**, University of Rhode Island, Peace Dale, RI; and **Don Shadow**, Shadow Nursery, Winchester, TN.

This conference is jointly sponsored by Longwood Gardens, Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and Tyler Arboretum.

If you would like to receive a brochure, please check the appropriate box on the reservations form. Those who attended the 1998 conference will automatically receive a brochure. Brochures will be mailed in early May.

PEPPERPOT

One of my greatest pleasures at PHS is witnessing transformations. One such transformation is taking place at the 2000 block of John F. Kennedy Boulevard. With the help of a group of generous donors and volunteers, PHS has cleaned up and landscaped a section of this major Philadelphia gateway once strewn with trash. For years, this site, which slopes down to the SEPTA tracks that run from 30th Street into Suburban Station, was a place I would pass by as quickly as possible. The trash was knee-deep, relieved at intervals only by a few brave, weedy trees.

In spring 1997, PHS organized clean-up days with a group of volunteers from the Logan Square Neighborhood Association and the Mayor's Office of Community Services, along with help from SEPTA. Eventually, this group removed more than three huge dumpsters' worth of trash from the site. Our Philadelphia Green Public Landscapes staff teamed up with Lager Raabe Landscape Architects to develop a plan for the Boulevard, from 20th Street to 30th Street Station, creating the vision of a parkway-like entrance to the city.

The resources required to landscape the entire gateway are enormous, so we divided the project into phases, each to be achieved as funds become available. Our first target was the block starting at 20th Street. Because this is such an important gateway into Philadelphia, PHS decided to invest proceeds generated from the Philadelphia Flower Show to get the project off the ground, specifically $50,000 for the landscape plan and to re-grade and seed the site. Last summer, The Pew Charitable Trusts—a long-time PHS donor—provided a challenge grant to encourage local organizations to contribute funding for the plantings. On this page, you will find a list of the donors who responded generously to our call for help in turning a heap of trash into an attractive landscape.

In May, landscape contractors Pennink Arrimour installed the new planting. Our selections, according to Nancy O'Donnell, PG Public Landscapes project manager, were guided by the need to create a low-maintenance landscape and also to use plants that can tolerate city conditions on an acute slope. We have used several PHS Gold Medal Award plants (including 'Ivory Silk,' an excellent form of Japanese tree lilac with white flowers in midsummer, and 'Winter King' hawthorn, which has wonderful red berries), as well as red maple and green ash trees along the sidewalk. And as I write , the horse chestnut trees (*Aesculus* x*carnea* 'Briotii') have also come into bloom, standing resplendent with their large, rose-colored flowers. Groundcovers include bearberry, sweet woodruff, and periwinkle. Next fall, volunteers will add more than 2,000 daffodils, whose bright yellow heads will nod to SEPTA travelers.

For many years, PHS has handled the maintenance of the blocks to the west of the new plantings, with help each spring from employees at The Pew Charitable Trusts. As we continue to raise more funds, we will add much-needed new plantings to this section. Our maintenance team for the entire site will include not only Pew staff members, but also volunteers from the Logan Square Neighborhood Association and employees from the organizations who have donated funds for the new plantings.

At PHS, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to join with many people and organizations to create landscapes that greatly enhance our city. In addition to the donors listed, I want to mention Morris C. Kellett, husband of long-time PHS volunteer Anne Kellett. Most mornings, Morris walks to the law offices of Dechert Price & Rhoads along John F. Kennedy Boulevard, picking up trash as he goes. When he heard of our landscaping plans for "his boulevard," Morris offered to solicit other law offices for donations. Thanks to Morris and all who have made this initial phase of re-landscaping JFK Boulevard come to fruition.

With this phase underway, we are starting to develop plans for the rest of the Boulevard. If you would like to make a donation to this project, please give me a call at (215) 988-8800.

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
President

Donors to John F. Kennedy Boulevard

A gift to PHS in honor or memory of a family member or friend is a wonderful way to celebrate life. We extend our deepest appreciation and thanks to all of you who have generously donated to the re-landscaping of John F. Kennedy Boulevard.

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Tulipa 'Annie Schilder' (Triumph), grown and shown in an 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.
Hyacinthus 'Marconi,' grown and shown in an 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.

Bulb Challenge Class
Any *Fritillaria meleagris*, grown and shown in a pot 8" or smaller.

Look for more information and an entry form in the 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show Exhibitor's Guide. The guide will be mailed to PHS members in early fall; it is available to nonmembers by request.

Vendors Offering Year-Round Discounts to PHS Members

The following vendors have graciously offered a 10% year-round discount to PHS members. To take advantage of this offer, **members must present their membership cards to the cashier before the sale is rung up**. Discounts are on selected merchandise, and some restrictions may apply. This offer is good through *August 1999*. A new list will be published each August. Contact Betsy Gullan, (215) 988-8778, for more information.

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Meadowbrook Farm
1633 Washington Lane
Meadowbrook, PA 19046

Old City Flowers
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Philadelphia, PA 19106

Oriental Garden
307 Disbrow Hill Rd
Perrineville, NJ 08535

Parkside Orchid Nursery
2503 Mountainview Drive
Ottsville, PA 18942

Primex Garden Center
435 West Glenside Ave
Glenside, PA 19038

Raritan Valley Garden Center
157 Cedar Grove Lane
Somerset, NJ 08873

Smith and Hawken
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Rosemont, PA 19010

Snipes Farm and Nursery
890 West Bridge St
Morrisville, PA 19067

The Niemeyer Corporation Service Center
19 South Newtown St Rd
Newtown Square, PA 19073

Tinari Greenhouses
2325 Valley Rd
Box 190
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Triple Oaks Nursery and Herb Garden
2359 Delsea Drive
Franklinville, NJ 08322

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10 East Poplar Ave
Linwood, NJ 08221

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Westmont Plaza
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Westmont, NJ 08108

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Activities and Events

Garden Visits: Main Line

Sunday, June 6, noon – 5:00pm

Depending on the owner's special interests, you'll see lavish gardens showcasing roses, perennials, and Japanese koi, as well as simple gardens that take their richness from the site's natural beauty. Also, see creative solutions to steeply sloping terrain, flat corner lots, and other site problems. Fee $10 nonmembers; $5 members; children under 12 $2.

Workshop: Growing for the Harvest Show, Part I

Monday, June 7, 6:00 - 7:30pm
"The Spring Garden" 18th and Wallace Streets
Philadelphia, PA

Doris Stahl, of the Penn State Urban Gardening Program, offers tips for those interested in growing vegetables, flowers, and herbs for the Philadelphia Harvest Show. Learn how to grow prize-winning entries from previous winners, and get first-hand experience with the planting of a test plot at "The Spring Garden." Part II will be a follow-up harvest workshop on September 13, just in time for the 1999 Philadelphia Harvest Show. All are invited to attend free of charge, but pre-registration is required. Travel directions will be mailed.

Late Afternoon Garden Tour and Reception

Tuesday, June 8, 5:00 - 7:00pm
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

J. Liddon Pennock, Jr. will host members of PHS and their guests for a leisurely early evening visit. We'll tour the house and gardens famous for its garden rooms and meticulously manicured topiaries and hedges. Meander through the gardens at your own pace while enjoying musical entertainment by harpist **Cheryl Cunningham**. Light refreshments will be served on the terrace. The commercial garden center and greenhouse will be open this evening. This is a rain or shine event. Fee $20 members; $25 guests.

Garden Ornaments: Pleasures and Pitfalls

A Visit to Garden Accents
Thursday, June 10, 6:00 - 8:00pm
West Conshohocken, PA

A carefully chosen and placed garden ornament can personalize your garden in a way no other element can. Join **Liz Schumacher** at Garden Accents in West Conshohocken for a discussion on the various types of ornamental and functional accessories available to complement your garden. Following a slide presentation, take time to peruse Garden Accents' display of imported ornaments and have refreshments in the garden. Fee $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

Gear Up for the 1999 City Gardens Contest

Monday, June 14, 6:00 - 7:00pm ***(Note change of date)***
PHS Auditorium

Thinking of entering the **City Gardens Contest** or volunteering as a judge? Learn how to enter the contest, what the judges are looking for, how points are awarded, and how to prepare your garden. Meet past and present contestants and judges, and see slides of winning gardens. Judges will also learn how to use the Internet to map out their routes. Light refreshments will be served. This program is free of charge; please pre-register using the reservations form.

Workshop: Pressed Flower Art

Tuesday, June 15, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Victoria Mowrer Lashley will demonstrate simple pressing techniques of Oshibana (Japanese idea of making pressed flower compositions). Students will make postcard-sized compositions, some suitable for framing. Victoria has studied Japanese flower pressing in Japan. She has exhibited in Japan, Philadelphia, and New York. All materials needed to complete the project, including a reusable flower press, will be provided. Please bring tweezers, manicure scissors, a notebook, and fresh or pressed flowers to share. Additional details will be provided upon registration. Beginners welcome. Program limit: 15. Fee $69 nonmembers; $65 members.

Evening Garden Walks

Wednesdays, June 16, July 14, and August 25
6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

PHS members will have the special opportunity to join Chanticleer executive director **Chris Woods** for a series of early evening walks through the estate of Chanticleer. This "pleasure garden" in Wayne, features complex plantings of annuals, perennials, vines, tropical plants, trees, and shrubs. Chris will discuss how a singular plant, plant combinations, and creative designs are used to bring interest and rich texture to the garden. Topics for discussion will vary on each of the walks, reflecting how the garden changes as the season progresses. Program limit: 20. Fee for each evening is $15; or $39 for all three. Members only.

Field Trip: Dumbarton Oaks and The Smithsonian Institution

Thursday, June 17, 7:00am - 7:00pm
Washington, DC

We'll begin our day in Georgetown, with a guided tour of **Dumbarton Oaks,** the classic formal garden created for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss by Beatrix Farrand. After lunch on our own, we will visit the National Museum of Natural History, **Smithsonian Institution**, to view the special exhibit **Margaret Mee: Return to the Amazon**. Margaret Mee was a botanical artist, adventurer, and naturalist who made 15 forays into the Amazon to document flora of the rain forest. Botanical illustrator **Louisa Rawle Tiné** will accompany the tour and serve as our guide for the Margaret Mee exhibit. Fee $65 nonmembers; $60 members (includes transportation, entrance and guide fees, and light refreshments on the bus. Lunch is not included). *Please indicate where you would like to be picked up on the reservations form.*

Field Trip: Ladew Gardens and Bluemount Nurseries

Tuesday, June 22, 7:15am - 7:00pm
Monkton, MD

We'll travel to Monkton, MD, to tour the home and gardens of **Harvey S. Ladew**. This 22-acre garden features topiary, fountains, statuary, ponds, and ornamental plants. We'll have lunch at a private garden, whose owner has a passion for irises. After lunch, we'll have time to explore the extensive gardens, where *Iris ensata* should be in full bloom. Afterward, we'll visit Bluemount Nurseries, Inc., a wholesale perennial nursery producing over a million container-grown plants yearly. Bluemount's president, Martha Simon Pindale, will lead a tour of the production areas and her own garden, containing hundreds of unusual perennials and rock garden plants. Fee $83 nonmembers; $78 members. *Please indicate where you would like to be picked up on the reservations form.*

Workshop: Arranging from the Garden

Wednesday, July 21, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Lisa Crock, horticulturist at Chanticleer, will lead an arranging workshop designed for gardeners. Lisa will demonstrate design basics and how to incorporate interesting elements from the garden, such as twigs, moss, and branches. Tips for conditioning flowers will

be included. We'll gather flowers and foliage from the garden, and then create arrangements to take home. Please bring clippers and a container approximately six inches high with a three-inch opening. Program limit: 20. Fee $25 nonmembers; $20 members.

At Home: An Urban Oasis

Wednesday, July 28, 6:00 - 7:30pm
Philadelphia, PA

Michael LoFurno and **Stephen Maciejewski** turned an abandoned city lot into an oasis for birds, butterflies, and other visitors. Joined in this effort by **Michael Thompson**, the three neighbors garden in this "multi-room" environment with serpentine trails, raised beds, sun-filled patios, and a lathe house brimming with orchids. Woodland plants, perennial wildflowers, and fruit-bearing trees, shrubs, and vines combine to create this lively garden, which has won first prize in the City Gardens Contest several times. Program limit: 18. Fee $18 non-members; members $15; and $18 guests.

Hard as Nails - Resilient Plants for Your Garden

Wednesday, August 4, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

See trees, shrubs, annuals, and perennials thriving in difficult sites: wet, dry, compacted, or sandy soils. Horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** will guide us around the gardens at Chanticleer and point out good plants for tough areas. Dan will also suggest interesting plants appropriate for problem spots in your garden. Program limit: 20. Fee $18 non-members; $15 members.

Meadow Magic

Monday, August 16, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Honey Brook, PA

Join garden designer **Yvonne England** for an early evening walk through her established wildflower meadow. Yvonne will discuss techniques and strategies for successful meadow gardening, including design and planning; site and soil evaluation; plant selection; and installation and maintenance. Fee $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

IPM in the Garden

Saturday, August 21, 9:30 - 11:30am
The Azalea Garden
Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, PA

IPM, or integrated pest management, is a systems approach to managing garden pests. It combines preventive techniques with nonchemical pest controls and the wise use of pesticides. The Azalea Garden of the Philadelphia Museum of Art is one of the monitoring sites in the data collection program of the Penn State Extension Service. **Marilyn Romenesko** and **Gretchen Trefny** (of the Philadelphia Green staff) will lead a walk through the garden, demonstrate techniques being used there, and discuss how to use IPM techniques in your garden. Fee $5.

Activities and Events Reservations

Reservations, required for all PHS programs, may be made through the reservations form (below). Fill out and mail to: **PHS Activities, attn: Sally Kutyla, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495**. Please include full payment. Reservations may also be made by phone. Call **(215) 988-8775**. Please have your VISA or MasterCard ready. ***Confirmations for all events will be mailed except for Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series***. Travel directions will be mailed for events away from PHS.

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$3 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.
$5 fee for one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than four days prior to the event.

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NAME: _____ Member ID # _____
If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name. GUEST: _____
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Please provide your current phone number(s) so we may contact you if there are changes in scheduled activities.

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PHS Hotline . . .

Q: How can I prevent squirrels from damaging my garden?

A: Squirrels will dig up newly planted seeds and bulbs, strip bark off young trees, and raid bird feeders. To prevent these things from happening, set up physical barriers. Plant bulbs in cages made of wire mesh; the stems will grow through the mesh. If you plant Crown Imperial (*Fritillaria imperialis*) bulbs in the fall, squirrels will not bother them or the surrounding garden area. These bulbs have a strong, skunk-like odor (not noticeable to humans) which discourages squirrels from digging.

When it comes to tree trunks, you may want to wrap the trunks of young trees with hardware cloth or wide metal bands to prevent squirrels from getting a foothold. To protect newly planted seedlings, cover them with row covers of horticultural fabric or bird netting. And for bird feeders, plastic or metal baffles should be very smooth, steep, and wide for maximum effectiveness.

PHS's Horticultural Hotline is open
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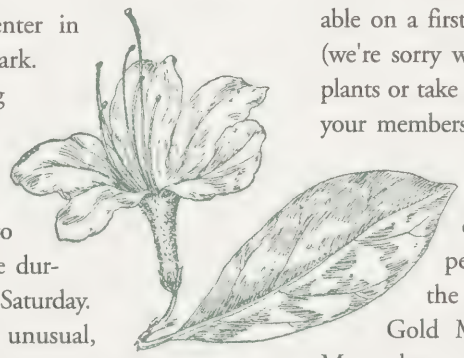

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For more information, call the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society at (215) 988-8800.

Please Donate Your Used Gardening Books and Magazines

Now accepting donations for the annual PHS McLean Library Booksale. This year's sale will be held Monday, November 15 and Tuesday, November 16. We are seeking used gardening, natural history, and botany books and magazines. For more information, call Jane Alling, Public Services Librarian at (215) 988-8772; or email: *jalling@pennhort.org*

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In The News

Congratulations Are In Order

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To qualify for the Award, nominees must reside in North America and have made significant contributions in at least three of the following areas of horticultural activity: teaching, research, writing, plant exploration, administration, art, business, and leadership.

Ed Lindemann, Philadelphia Flower Show Designer and Director, has been named one of Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture's "100 Most Successful Alumni" in celebration of their 100th anniversary. Lindemann graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ornamental Horticulture in 1965. He joined the PHS staff as a horticulturist in 1972 and moved on to become the Flower Show Designer in 1980.

Plant Profile:

Mahonia aquifolium (Oregon grapeholly)

If you are looking for a plant with character and is well suited for urban conditions, look no further than the *Mahonia aquifolium*. It is a bold plant with handsome foliage, brilliant yellow to orange flower spikes that give off a wonderful fragrance, and clusters of beautiful berried fruits to boast. This plant is an ideal woodland plant. Found in North America, Central America and parts of East Asia, it has the ability to grow on rocky slopes, as well as in acrid soils. The leaves can range in color from a light, silvery-gray green to a deep, dark shiny green.

Because of the many varieties of this species, *Mahonia aquifolium* can be found in all sizes, from a prostrate grower to a tall shrub. The foliage remains on the plant during the winter, turning to a deep, rich burgundy to purple color. Some of the berry clusters can range in color from a frosted blue to black.

To purchase *Mahonia aquifolium* and its varieties, contact a nursery that has an extensive line of the more unusual plant species.

—Eva Monheim, Horticulturist and Instructor

KEEP DANCING TO THE BEET...

This fall, Philadelphia will host the 20th Annual Conference of the American Community Gardening Association (ACGA), to be held on **Thursday, September 30 through Sunday, October 3** at the Holiday Inn (4th and Arch Streets), right within "America's most historic square mile." We invite you to attend the premier conference on community greening and what promises to be a celebration of the gardening spirit.

The ACGA, a national non-profit, member-supported organization, seeks to promote community gardening and greening as a means for improving the quality of life for people and their communities. Each year, the national conference gathers people who take part in this collective mission, to share their experiences, and learn from each other. PHS's Philadelphia Green is the national headquarters for ACGA.

Exhibits, panel discussions, keynote speakers, and hands-on workshops will cover a wide range of topics including: how to get a garden started; urban agriculture; alternative gardening techniques; building partnerships; youth gardening; and more. To cap off the 4-day event, tours will be offered to community gardens in Philadelphia and Wilmington, and a visit to Longwood Gardens.

Conference co-sponsors are: the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Philadelphia Green Program, the Neighborhood Gardens Association/A Philadelphia Land Trust, Penn State Cooperative Extension's Urban Gardening Program, the Delaware Center for Horticulture (Wilmington), and Isles, Inc. (Trenton).

For more information, or to request a registration brochure, contact Patricia Schrieber, at PHS (215) 988-8841. Also, for up-to-the-minute information, visit our website: www.libertynet.org/phs

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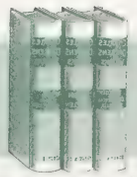

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A: IPM means Integrated Pest Management, which is an approach to pest control that combines biological, cultural, physical, and chemical controls to prevent or eliminate garden problems with minimal economic, health, and environmental risks. Biological controls include attracting beneficial creatures to your garden: bees, ladybugs, dragonflies, lacewings, birds, bats, and toads. Products containing Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) bacteria will kill insect pests without harming the environment. Cultural controls include choosing disease-resistant cultivars, cleaning-up debris in your garden, providing adequate water, and using mulch to conserve water and prevent weeds. By keeping plants healthy, they will be more resistant to pest (and disease) problems. Physical controls include barriers such as floating row covers, fences, tree bands, and copper strips. When nothing else has worked, use chemical controls and follow manufacturer instructions carefully. The best use of pesticides will result from the careful timing of applications. Insecticidal oils will kill insect eggs; insecticidal soaps will destroy aphids, mites and whiteflies; and diatomaceous earth will deter caterpillars and slugs. Also, keep written records of pest control activity to determine the most effective methods.

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Activities and Events

Hard as Nails - Resilient Plants for Your Garden

Wednesday, August 4, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

See trees, shrubs, annuals, and perennials thriving in difficult sites: wet, dry, compacted, or sandy soils. Horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** will guide us around the gardens at Chanticleer and point out good plants for tough areas. Dan will also suggest interesting plants appropriate for problem spots in your garden. Program limit: 20. Fee $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

Meadow Magic

Monday, August 16, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Honey Brook, PA

Join garden designer **Yvonne England** for an early evening walk through her established wildflower meadow. Yvonne will discuss techniques and strategies for successful meadow gardening, including design and planning; site and soil evaluation; plant selection; and installation and maintenance. Fee $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

IPM in the Garden

Saturday, August 21, 9:30 - 11:30am
The Azalea Garden
Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, PA

IPM, or integrated pest management, is a systems approach to managing garden pests. It combines preventive techniques with nonchemical pest controls and the wise use of pesticides. The Azalea Garden of the Philadelphia Museum of Art is one of the monitoring sites in the data collection program of the Penn State Extension Service. **Marilyn Romenesko** and **Gretchen Trefny** (of the Philadelphia Green staff) will lead a walk through the garden, demonstrate techniques being used there, and discuss how to use IPM techniques in your garden. Fee $5.

Evening Garden Walks

Wednesday, August 25
6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

PHS members will have the special opportunity to join Chanticleer executive director **Chris Woods** for an early evening walk through the estate of Chanticleer. This "pleasure garden" in Wayne, features complex plantings of annuals, perennials, vines, tropical plants, trees, and shrubs. Chris will discuss how singular plants, plant combinations, and creative design are used to bring interest and rich texture to the garden. Program limit: 20. Fee is $15. Members only.

Philadelphia Harvest Show Workshop, Part II

Monday, Sept. 13, 5:30 - 7:00pm
"The Spring Garden" 18th and Wallace Streets
Philadelphia, PA

Join Philadelphia Green and Penn State's Urban Gardening Program to get your entries ready for the Philadelphia Harvest Show. Learn how to prepare flowers, vegetables, herbs, and preserved products to win top prizes at the show. **Doris Stahl**, garden advisor from Penn State's Urban Gardening staff, will conduct this follow-up workshop at "The Spring Garden" in which we'll harvest the bounty from the test plot planted during the spring workshop. PHS members and guests are invited to attend free of charge, but please pre-register. The Spring Garden is several blocks north of the Ben Franklin Parkway at 18th and Wallace. Travel directions will be mailed before the workshop.

Workshop: Botanical Drawing with Colored Pencils

Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 21 and 22
10:00am - 3:00pm
PHS Auditorium

Interpret live flowers, fruits, and vegetables with the versatile medium of colored pencils. The emphasis of this two-day workshop with **Eileen Rosen** is on drawing and form. Specific techniques will be taught to create rich, glowing, and realistic results. Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at The University of the Arts - Philadelphia College of Arts and Design, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America. Instruction based on individual needs; beginners are welcome. A materials list will be mailed upon registration. Please bring a lunch. This is a two-day class; students cannot miss the first class. Program limit:15. Fee: $95 nonmembers; $90 members.

Workshop: Arranging from the Garden

Saturday, Sept. 25, 9:30 - 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Lisa Crock, horticulturist at Chanticleer, will lead an arranging workshop designed for gardeners. Lisa will demonstrate design basics and show how to incorporate interesting elements from the garden, such as twigs, moss, and branches. Tips for conditioning flowers will be included. We'll gather fall flowers and foliage from the garden, and then create arrangements to take home. Please bring clippers and a container approximately six inches high with an opening three inches in diameter. Program limit: 20. Fee: $25 nonmembers; $20 members.

Field Trip: Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and Meadow Lark Flower & Herb Farm

Saturday, Sept. 25, 7:00am - 6:00pm

We'll begin our day at **Hawk Mountain Sanctuary** (Kempton, PA), joining other nature enthusiasts watching for migrating hawks, eagles, and falcons. At the foot of Hawk Mountain, we'll visit "Blind Squirrel", the home of **Eileen and Tony Tognini**. Their 150-year-old stone farmhouse is surrounded by naturalistic gardens. On this day, the Togninis will be hosting a contemporary art exhibit throughout their house and garden. Next we'll visit **Meadow Lark Flower & Herb Farm** (Orwigsburg, PA) where author/designer **Ellen Spector Platt** plants new and old varieties to experiment with, photograph, and write about (most recently, *Lavender: How to Grow and Use the Fragrant Herb*). After a walk through the garden and drying barn, we'll enjoy a demonstration of fall designs using materials from the garden. Price of $79 for nonmembers; $75 for members includes all fees and a box lunch. Websites for more information: *www.ellenspectorplatt.com*, *www.hawkmountain.org* and *www.libertynet.org/phs/phslibrary*.
Indicate choice of pick-up location on reservation form: Center City or Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park.

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Healthy Trees

Wednesday, October 6, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

ISA certified arborist **Lou Giroud**, will discuss the keys to healthy trees. He'll cover basics such as selecting the right tree for your landscape, detecting signs of tree problems, coping with insects and diseases, and pruning. He'll also discuss how knowledge of tree biology and spray alternatives have changed methods of tree care. Bring your tree questions; ample time will be provided for problem solving. Lou Giroud is founder and president of Giroud Tree Service, which is celebrating its 25th year in business. Bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

Workshop: Utilizing the Fall Garden - Getting Ready for Spring

Saturday, October 9, 10:00 - Noon
Bryn Mawr, PA

Fran Sorin, gardener and garden designer, will take us on a tour of her fall garden. Fran's garden consists of a series of garden rooms planted with a variety of perennials, tropicals, tender perennials, and annuals. She will discuss the successes of this season's garden as well as changes she plans to make. Afterwards, she'll lead a hands-on workshop covering the following topics: selecting and planting unusual spring bulbs, dividing and transplanting spring-blooming perennials, revamping parts of the garden, and preparing the soil for spring. Fran Sorin's garden has been on numerous garden tours. She's also been invited to do gardening segments for Fox-TV, LIFETIME, DISCOVERY, and most recently, the Weekend TODAY SHOW. Program limit: 18. Fee: $28 nonmembers; $25 members.

Activities and Events Reservations

Reservations, required for all PHS programs, may be made through the reservations form (below). Fill out and mail to: **PHS Activities, attn: Sally Kutyla, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495**. Please include full payment. Reservations may also be made by phone. Call **(215) 988-8775**. Please have your VISA or MasterCard ready. ***Confirmations for all events will be mailed except for Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series.*** Travel directions will be mailed for events away from PHS.

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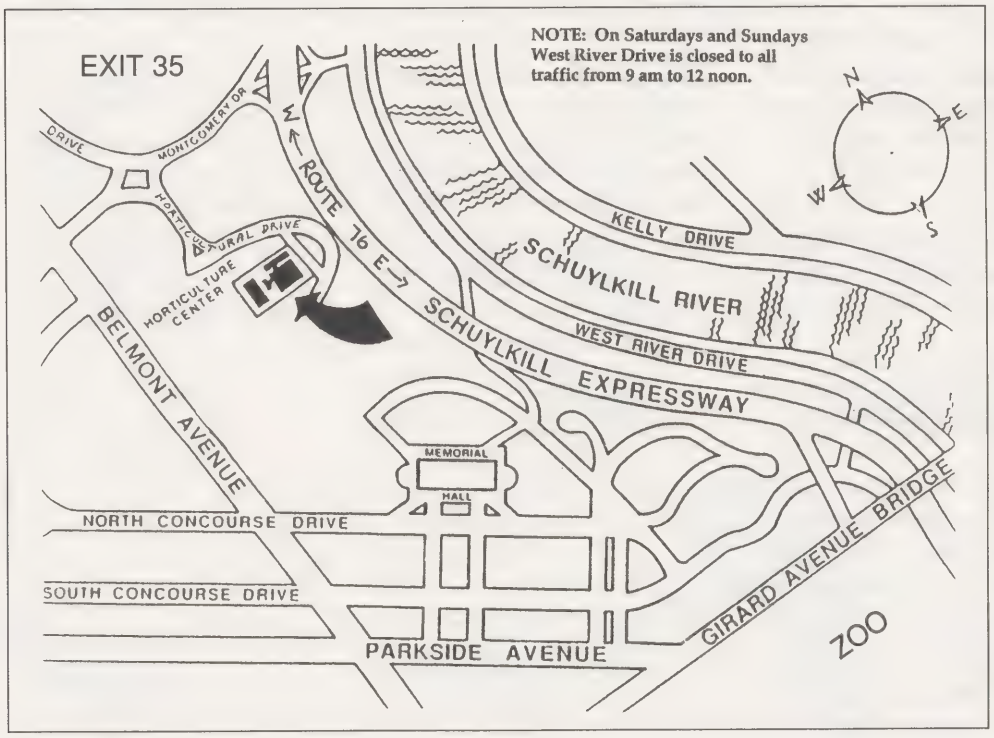
SURF'S UP!

The 1999 Philadelphia Harvest Show is Here



The exotic and bedazzling flora of Hawaii will be celebrated at this year's **Philadelphia Harvest Show, "Harvest Luau"** to be held at the **Horticulture Center** in Fairmount Park on **Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19**. At the Show, city and suburban gardeners will celebrate their bountiful homegrown harvest and compete for ribbons in horticulture, design, preserved products, and baked-goods categories. You can also attend free demonstrations and learn about flower arranging, gardening, and more. Harvest games and crafts for children are among the many activities during this fabulous fall weekend. Other special events include the 2nd Annual Great Pumpkin Pie Contest and apiarist Robert Harvey who will demonstrate his beekeeping techniques, and also don his massive "bee beard."

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Going for the Gold: *The 2000 Gold Medal Plants*

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Gold Medal Plant Award program honors little-known and underused woody plants of exceptional merit and promotes their use. Awards have been given to 64 plants since 1988. Here are next year's winners.

• ***Acer buergerianum*** is an ideal small tree for today's landscape. Slow-growing to 20'-25' with an equal spread, the Trident maple adds interest to the garden year round. Fall color varies from yellow to red, but is always striking. In the winter, an interesting exfoliating bark is revealed. It is pollution tolerant and will survive dry conditions. Hardy zones 5-9.

• ***Aronia arbutifolia 'Brilliantissima'*** adds fall and winter luster to the landscape with brilliant scarlet foliage and large crimson berries. A stoloniferous shrub, individual plants grow slowly to 6' with 3'-5' spread. The red fruit persists long into the winter. Chokeberry will grow in sun or shade and is tolerant of moist or dry soil conditions. Hardy zones 4-9.

• ***Parrotia persica*** is an elegant tree sure to make an impact on the landscape with its architectural branch structure. Growing to 20'-40' with a 15'-30'spread, Parrotia has glossy dark green leaves and is pest free. Fall color ranges from yellow to orange through purple and red tones. Hardy zones 4-8.

• ***Quercus alba*** is a grand old tree that is sorely underused in the modern landscape. The white oak is longer lived, harder wooded and more broadly tolerant of soil

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Notice of Annual Meeting of Members

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

Please join us for the Society's 172nd Annual Meeting at 5:00pm at PHS, 100 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA. We will elect new Council members, take up any other committee business and celebrate the recipients of the Society's awards.

The Society's Nominating Committee proposes the following Council members for re-election for additional three-year terms: **Morris Cheston, Jr., Patricia Fox Feehrer, Henry L. Good, Sally N. Graham, Harry E. Hill III, Richard W. Lighty, Ingrid Montgomery, Walter C. Taylor, Jr., and Regina O'Brien Thomas**. In addition they will place in nomination for three-year terms the following persons who are not currently members of Council:

Anna Marie Amey, immediate past chair of Competitive Classes, is a Harvest Show Committee member and will coordinate PHS Garden Visits for 2000.

Tina Brooks is senior program director of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, a national nonprofit group that helps fund community development corporation projects. Tina holds degrees in landscape architecture and real estate development and is a member of the Steering Committee for PHS's Vacant Land Management Project.

Herb Clarke is retired from WCAU-TV and currently serves as a member of the Flower Show Executive and Infonet Committees. Herb is also the longtime master of ceremonies for the City Gardens Contest Awards Ceremony.

Joe Cugliotta, principal, J. Cugliotta Landscape/Nursery, is a Flower Show landscape exhibitor and a member of the Flower Show Executive Committee.

Michael DiBerardinis is Commissioner, Philadelphia Department of Recreation; Adjunct Professor, Temple University, Department of Geography and Urban Studies; and board member, Fairmount Park Commission. Michael has been key in our collaboration with the Department of Recreation on the Parks Program.

Hayward Ford is president, NGA Board of Directors; a member and former chair of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board, a member of the Harvest Show Committee, and a community gardener at Aspen Farms.

Scott M. Jenkins is president, S.M. Jenkins & Co., an equity investment limited partnership. Scott is a member of PHS's Finance/Pension Committee.

Karen F. Minyard is managing director, The Women's Financial Services Group, a specialized unit within PNC Private Bank. Karen manages a range of experts in the areas of finance, estate and financial planning and investments across all markets in PNC Private Bank. Karen is a member of the Preview Dinner Committee.

Sharon Turner is a Registered Nurse with the City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health. She is a member and past chair of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board, a Harvest Show Committee member and community gardener.

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PROXY FORM **The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Annual Meeting of Members, November 16, 1999**

The undersigned hereby appoints Ann L. Reed, Jane G. Pepper and Kathleen G. Putnam and each of them the true and lawful attorneys of said member, with full power of substitution to vote at the Annual Meeting of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, called to be held at 5:00pm on Tuesday, November 16, 1999, and at any adjournments thereof, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present:

1. For the election of Council Members
2. For the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

All adult members of household should sign.

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PHS Hotline...

Q: How can I save seeds?

A: Seeds from flowering plants are ready to harvest a few weeks after the flowers have faded and the petals have dropped. Collect seeds on a sunny day, after all the moisture has evaporated. Remove all plant debris by hand or by sifting, and spread seeds on newspaper for a week to dry; large seeds may take longer. When the seeds are completely dry, place them in a securely closed storage container such as baby-food glass jars or plastic film containers. Label each container with the variety name and date collected. Remember to store seeds in a cool area (like a refrigerator) to maintain their viability. When it comes to collecting seeds from edible fruit, such as tomatoes and peppers, the fruit should remain on the vine until it is slightly overripe, which is about two weeks after the time it would normally be picked for eating. Rinse the seeds thoroughly to remove all remnants of pulp before spreading to dry and storing in containers. Large seeds, such as four-o'clocks, marigolds, beans and peas, are the easiest seeds to save.

PHS's Horticultural Hotline is open Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - noon. Phone: (215) 988-8777; Fax: (215) 988-8783; email: *jalling@pennhort.org*

Members' Annual Plant Dividend Moves to the Philadelphia Harvest Show

Friday, September 17, 4 - 7pm and Saturday, September 18, 10am - 5pm

Two fun-filled events rolled into one. The 1999 Plant Dividend will now be held during the Philadelphia Harvest Show at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park. Stop in during the **Opening Celebration for Members** on **Friday** from **4 to 7 pm**, or anytime during the Show on Saturday. Acquire that unusual, hard-to-find plant, then head over to the "Harvest Luau" celebration as the Philadelphia region's gardeners display the bounty from their summer's labors.

We invite you to join fellow members to select a complimentary plant for each associate membership, or three plants for household memberships and above at the PHS Annual Plant Dividend. Plants are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The selection will include PHS Gold Medal Plant Award winners. Most plants are grown by PHS members, and all donors are invited to attend a reception on Friday from 2 - 4pm, immediately preceding the Philadelphia Harvest Show Opening Celebration. (We're sorry we're unable to set aside plants or take telephone orders.) Present your membership card to speed your way through the registration area.

Many thanks to the 1999 Plant Dividend co-chairs **Lee M. Raden** and **Sandy Salkeld** for organizing this event, and to the Members Committee for their hard work. Lists of donors and plants will be included in the Philadelphia Harvest Show ticket mailing in August.

If you'd like to help with the Plant Dividend or donate plants, please call Sally Kutyla (215) 988-8775, or check the appropriate box on the reservation form.

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Annual McLean Library Booksale

Mark your calendar to attend the **Annual McLean Library Booksale** on **Monday, November 15, 11am-7pm** and **Tuesday, November 16, 11am-6pm**. Buy new gardening books at a discount and used books for pennies! This year, we'll feature author chats, demos, and signings. Take advantage of this annual event to do some early holiday shopping. To donate books, please call Jane Alling, Public Services Librarian at (215) 988-8772; or email: *jalling@pennhort.org*

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The conference offers an impressive list of speakers, covering topics from propagation and garden photography to new plants and stimulating garden design. **James Buckland** of West Dean College in Chichester, England, will open the conference. Other guest speakers include: **Leo Blanchette** of Carlisle, MA; **Topher Delaney** of San Francisco, CA; **Kim Hawks** of Chapel Hill, NC; **Bob Lyons** of Raleigh, NC; and **Barry Yinger** of Lewisberry, PA. The conference is jointly sponsored by the Hardy Plant Society, Longwood Gardens, the **Pennsylvania Horticultural Society**, and Scott Arboretum.

Advance registration is required. Those who have attended the conference during the past few years will automatically receive a brochure through the mail. If you need a brochure, call (215) 988-8869 or 8832. The conference fills quickly, so we advise you to register as soon as you receive your brochure.

MEMBERS NEWS

Three Important Membership Mailings!

Keep your eye open for important mailings from PHS during August and September. If you have not received the information by two weeks after the anticipated arrival date, please call the Membership Office (215-988-8832) so that we can help you.

· In early August, Harvest Show invitations and tickets will be sent to you. Information about the Plant Dividend at the Harvest Show, Dividend donors, and a partial list of available Dividend plants will be included in the same envelope.

· Around Labor Day, we will send renewal notices to those PHS members on the year-end renewal cycle. For this cycle, we start the renewal process in September so that each member's address can be checked and entered correctly in the computer before the end of the year. **We are grateful to members who respond promptly to the first dues notice**. You save us the expense of additional reminders and the confusion that results when responses cross in the mail.

· In mid-September, the Shows Department will send out the 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show Schedule, perfect for those who are poised to register to be an exhibitor at the spring Show.

Stop By and Get to Know Us

A warm welcome awaits you at the **Harvest Show Member Preview** on **Friday September 17, 4-7pm** at the Fairmount Park Horticulture Center. All members will receive advance complimentary admission tickets through the mail for this event.

As a special feature of this year's show you will also have the "early bird" pick of some wonderful plants to take home at the Member Plant Dividend tent. Better yet, sign up a friend for PHS membership and have them join you for this relaxing and delightful horticultural extravaganza. You may send in a gift membership or call the membership office during business hours at (215) 988-8776 or (215) 988-8832 and charge your membership.

Visit our newly expanded **Harvest Marketplace**. This year we introduce the Fountain Marketplace, adjacent to the Centennial Fountain. You will find tropical flowers and plants, orchids, chili pepper plants, cut flowers, garden furniture, sculpture and statuary, interior water gardens, gourmet food, potpourri, fragrance oils, gardening snowmen and santas, and gifts galore. **Hours of the Marketplace:** Friday, September 17, 12 pm-7pm; Saturday and Sunday, September 18 & 19, 10am-5pm. If you would like to participate as a Marketplace Exhibitor, please call Rosemary McGeary at (215) 988-1609 or email *rmcgeary@pennhort.org*

Philly's Oldest Gas Station Fueled By New Plantings

Since PHS relocated to 20th and Arch Streets, it has been everyone's desire to see something done about the landscape surrounding the gas station across the street. But no gas is being pumped at this site—in fact, this structure was the city's very first gas station.

Avis Rental Car currently owns the site and uses the southern end for overflow parking. With its landscape in sad shape, Philadelphia Green's Public Landscapes staff contacted a few of the gardeners in the neighborhood and invited them to share their ideas on potential projects for the site. Many wanted to see the restoration of the historic building so that it could be used for commercial purposes, such as a coffee shop, produce stand, or flower market. Until a vendor could be found, the neighbors and PG teamed up to do a perennial planting on the northern end. Avis, in support of the planting, gave $250 and PG donated the soil and mulch to the project. On June 14, 1999, six neighbors and two staff members installed 120 perennials and grasses. Public Landscapes summer intern, Loren Foster, transplanted about 25 *Panicum* grasses from our site at the Philadelphia International Airport to the gas station. The grass makes a nice backdrop for the colorful perennials. The site will be maintained by neighborhood volunteers and staff.

Perennials planted at the station:
Coreopsis verticillata 'Zagreb'; *Coreopsis grandiflora* 'Sunray'; *Gaillardia ×grandiflora* 'Goblin'; *Malva sylvestris* 'Zebrina'; *Perovskia atriplicifolia*; *Rudbeckia laciniata* 'Goldquelle'; *Salvia nemorosa* 'Lubecca'; and *Scabiosa columbaria* 'Butterfly Blue.'

Challenge Seeds from Australia Announced for the 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show

"Down Under," a new Challenge Class in the 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show (Class 491, entered on Friday, March 10), will feature Australian native plants. These seeds come from Australia and should be interesting to grow. The seeds will be available from PHS after Labor Day at a cost of $1.00 per packet. Call Eric Chapman for information (215-988-1613).

1. *Schoenia cassiniana*, Pink Cluster Everlasting
   Each stem has clusters of small pink flowers 2cm across. Drought tolerant.
2. *Goodenia scapigera*, Summer Snowflakes
   Showy flowers with white wing petals.
3. *Swainsona stipularis*, Orange Darling Pea
   Large showy pea-like flower ranging from orange to purple.

Gold Medal Plants
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types and moisture levels than any other shade tree. It has a slow growth rate but in time can reach 80'-100' in height and spread—a tree for your grandchildren to treasure. Hardy zones 3-9.

• ***Syringa meyeri 'Palibin'*** is a finely textured, compact lilac that deserves a place in every garden. 'Palibin' grows rapidly when young but remains a compact 4'-8'at maturity. Each spring, this shrub will delight you with fragrant violet-purple 4"x 2" panicles covering literally every spot on the shrub. It could be used as a hedge or in a mixed border. Imagine—no mildew either! Hardy zones 3-7.

• ***Weigela florida 'Alexandra' Wine & Roses*** ™ is a delightful shrub that will add a dash of drama to the garden. Growing to 4'-5' with a 3'-4' spread, Wine & Roses™ displays burgundy leaves highlighted by hot pink flowers in May. As autumn approaches the leaf color intensifies. Grow in full sun for best color. Use cut branches indoors or let the hummingbirds feast. Hardy zones 4-9.

Look to the November/December issue of *Green Scene* for a complete run-down of these winners by Richard L. Bitner. For source information on winning plants or a detailed portrait sheet, call (215) 988-8823. For information on how to enter a woody plant for next year's contest, call (215) 988-8800.

Activities and Events

Philadelphia Harvest Show Workshop, Part II

Monday, Sept. 13, 5:30 - 7:00pm
"The Spring Garden" 18th and Wallace Streets
Philadelphia, PA

Join Philadelphia Green and Penn State's Urban Gardening Program to get your entries ready for the Philadelphia Harvest Show. Learn how to prepare flowers, vegetables, herbs, and preserved products to win top prizes at the show. **Doris Stahl**, garden advisor from Penn State's Urban Gardening staff, will conduct this follow-up workshop at "The Spring Garden" in which we'll harvest the bounty from the test plot planted during the spring workshop. PHS members and guests are invited to attend free of charge, but please pre-register. The Spring Garden is several blocks north of the Ben Franklin Parkway at 18th and Wallace. Travel directions will be mailed before the workshop.

Workshop: Botanical Drawing with Colored Pencils

Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 21 and 22
10:00am - 3:00pm
PHS Auditorium

Interpret live flowers, fruits, and vegetables with the versatile medium of colored pencils. The emphasis of this two-day workshop with **Eileen Rosen** is on drawing and form. Specific techniques will be taught to create rich, glowing, and realistic results. Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at The University of the Arts - Philadelphia College of Arts and Design, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America. Instruction based on individual needs; beginners are welcome. A materials list will be mailed upon registration. Please bring a lunch. This is a two-day class; students cannot miss the first class. Program limit:15. Fee: $95 nonmembers; $90 members.

Workshop: Arranging from the Garden

Saturday, Sept. 25, 9:30 - 11:30am
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Lisa Crock, horticulturist at Chanticleer, will lead an arranging workshop designed for gardeners. Lisa will demonstrate design basics and show how to incorporate interesting elements from the garden, such as twigs, moss, and branches. Tips for conditioning flowers will be included. We'll gather fall flowers and foliage from the garden, and then create arrangements to take home. Please bring clippers and a container approximately 6 inches high with an opening three inches in diameter. Program limit: 20. Fee: $25 nonmembers; $20 members.

Field Trip: Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and Meadow Lark Flower & Herb Farm

Saturday, Sept. 25, 7:00am - 6:00pm

We'll begin our day at **Hawk Mountain Sanctuary** (Kempton, PA), joining other nature enthusiasts watching for migrating hawks, eagles, and falcons. At the foot of Hawk Mountain, we'll visit "Blind Squirrel," the home of **Eileen and Tony Tognini**. Their 150-year-old stone farmhouse is surrounded by naturalistic gardens. On this day, the Togninis will be hosting a contemporary art exhibit throughout their house and garden. Next we'll visit **Meadow Lark Flower & Herb Farm** (Orwigsburg, PA) where author/designer **Ellen Spector Platt** plants new and old varieties to experiment with, photograph, and write about (most recently, *Lavender: How to Grow and Use the Fragrant Herb*). After a walk through the garden and drying barn, we'll enjoy a demonstration of fall designs using materials from the garden. Price of $79 for nonmembers; $75 for members includes all fees and a box lunch. Websites for more information: *www.ellenspectorplatt.com*, *www.hawkmountain.org* and *www.libertynet.org/phs/phslibrary*. ***Indicate choice of pick-up location on reservation form: Center City or Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park.***

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Healthy Trees

Wednesday, October 6, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

ISA certified arborist **Lou Giroud**, will discuss the keys to healthy trees. He'll cover basics such as selecting the right tree for your landscape, detecting signs of tree problems, coping with insects and diseases, and pruning. He'll also discuss how knowledge of tree biology and spray alternatives have changed methods of tree care. Bring your tree questions; ample time will be provided for problem solving. Lou Giroud is founder and president of Giroud Tree Service, which is celebrating its 25th year in business. Bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

Spring Bulbs for Your Landscape

Thursday, October 7, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Discover the best sort of bulbs for your garden situation and learn how to maximize your garden's potential for a dynamic display of spring bulbs. Using the gardens at Meadowbrook Farm as a classroom, **Charles Cresson** will demonstrate that no matter what the style or challenges of your garden, you can identify new opportunities for incorporating spring bulbs. Following the class, each participant will receive an assortment of bulbs to experiment with in their own landscape. Charles Cresson is a lecturer, consultant, and avid gardener who has authored several books on gardening. He teaches the course on bulbs in the Longwood Gardens certificate program. Fee: $38 nonmembers; $33 members.

Workshop: Utilizing the Fall Garden - Getting Ready for Spring

Saturday, October 9, 10:00 - Noon
Bryn Mawr, PA

Fran Sorin, gardener and garden designer, will take us on a tour of her fall garden. Fran's garden consists of a series of garden rooms planted with a variety of perennials, tropicals, tender perennials, and annuals. She will discuss the successes of this season's garden as well as changes she plans to make. Afterwards, she'll lead a hands-on workshop covering the following topics: selecting and planting unusual spring bulbs, dividing and transplanting spring-blooming perennials, revamping parts of the garden, and preparing the soil for spring. Fran Sorin's garden has been on numerous garden tours. She's also been invited to do gardening segments for Fox-TV, LIFETIME, DISCOVERY, and most recently, the Weekend TODAY SHOW. Program limit: 18. Fee: $28 nonmembers; $25 members.

Workshop: Botanical Illustration

6 Sessions, Thursdays, October 14, 21, 28 and November 4, 11, and 18
12:30 - 3:30pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Botanical illustrator **Louisa Rawle Tiné** will teach this six-session course in botanical watercolor. The emphasis is on realistic portrayal of botanical subjects and traditional methods of dry brush watercolor painting. Each week we will discuss, draw, and paint a different plant. Instruction is highly individualized and geared for students with some

art background or previous experience in botanical illustration. Louisa Rawle Tiné has worked as a professional artist and illustrator for 30 years in commercial and fine arts. Program limit: 15. Fee: $180. Members only. A materials list will be mailed upon registration.

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Attracting Butterflies

Tuesday, October 19, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

Join **Michael LoFurno** for a closer look at butterflies. Learn more about the life cycle of butterflies; how to identify some of the showier species that frequent our area; and how to attract them to your garden by planting the proper host plants and nectar sources. Michael will also give tips on observing, identifying, and rearing butterflies, including a look at field guides and equipment. Michael LoFurno, a registered landscape architect, is also an accomplished gardener, naturalist, and photographer. His photography has received awards from the New Jersey Mycological Association and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society. Please bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

Lecture:
Picturesque, Classical, Contemporary:
Three Generations' Influence on a Garden

The Story of Garden-making at Kykuit, the Rockefeller Estate
Wednesday, October 27, 6:00pm
PHS Auditorium

Susan T. Greenstein, Director of the Kykuit program for Historic Hudson Valley, Tarrytown, New York, introduces us to the gardens at Kykuit. Susan will share the story of the three Rockefeller generations who left their mark on this elegant beaux-arts garden designed by William Welles Bosworth at the turn of the 19th century a garden that remains vibrant and elegant today. Susan Greenstein oversees the visitation program, which welcomes 50,000 visitors each year to the Rockefeller estate in Pocantico, New York. Lecture begins at 6:00pm, followed by light refreshments. The McLean Library will remain open until 5:45 this evening. Fee: $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

Activities and Events Reservations

Reservations, required for all PHS programs, may be made through the reservations form (below). Fill out and mail to: **PHS Activities, attn: Sally Kutyla, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495**. Please include full payment. Reservations may also be made by phone. Call **(215) 988-8775 or 8869**. Please have your VISA or MasterCard ready. ***Confirmations for all events, will be mailed except for Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series.*** Travel directions will be mailed for events away from PHS.

Refunds and cancellations: If you withdraw from a registration event, the following fees will apply:

One-day Field Trips—$5 fee, provided the request is received at least 4 days before event. (No refund if less than 4 days.)
All Other Events—$3 fee, provided the request is received at least 2 days before event. (No refund if less than 2 days.)

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Number attending _____

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Fee $25 _____ $20 Members _____

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Pick up location: ❑ Horticulture Center
❑ Center City

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Fee $5 _____

Garden Making at Kykuit 10/27
Fee $18 _____ $15 Members _____

Sir Roy Strong 11/14
Fee $25 _____
$20 PHS or
Scott Members _____

Names of attendees:

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TOTAL: $ _____

NAME: _____ Member ID # _____
If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name. GUEST: _____
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Please provide your current phone number(s) so we may contact you if there are changes in scheduled activities.

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• **Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA) Celebrate Your Age Expo Speaks to Kids 50+** to take place **Friday and Saturday, October 15 & 16**, at the PA Convention Center (Philadelphia, PA). The East Coast's premier consumer show committed to providing fun and information for the region's 50+ population expects to have more than 300 exhibits of innovative products and services available. Entertainers slated to appear include comedian David Brenner, area favorites Trudy Pitts and "Mr. C", and singer Lou Christie.

From jazz to gospel, Expo goers will sing and dance the day away! Live radio shows and the Ms. Vintage Philadelphia Pageant will add to the excitement, while travel, financial planning, home and garden, and health care options can be explored.

Senior volunteer gardeners from PHS will offer seminars including: *Planting Troughs* by Lee Raden; *Backyard Propagation* by Alan Slack; *Forcing Spring Blooming Bulbs* by Walt Fisher; and *Exotic Japanese Floral Arranging* by Bernice Makin. PHS's Philadelphia Green Program, which benefits from proceeds of the Philadelphia Flower Show, will have an exhibit highlighting the work they do to keep the city green and beautiful. PHS is one of the patron sponsors of the Expo.

The Celebrate Your Age Expo will be held Friday, October 15, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Saturday, October 16, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Tickets are $6 at the box office, but groups of 20 or more can obtain tickets in advance for just $4. To find out more about exhibiting at the Expo, group ticket sales, or any other Expo information, call (215) 765-9000 ext. 4229.

• **Guide Training Program** at the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania begins **Saturday, September 25 and continues through October 23, 10am-3pm**. Guides introduce school children to nature and lead tours for adult groups and weekend visitors. To register, call Liza Hawley at (215) 247-5777, ext. 128.

• **Marco Polo Stufano**, Director of Horticulture at Wave Hill, will be the guest speaker at Haverford College on **Friday, November 12, 1999 at 8pm**. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at the Haverford College Arboretum office. For information, call (610) 896-1101. Wave Hill is the beautiful Riverside estate in New York notable for its color combinations and interesting container groupings.

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New Kensington CDC Gains National Recognition for Open Space Management Program with the 1999 Best Practice Award

New Kensington's Community Development Corporation's (NKCDC) Open Space Management program has received the prestigious U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) **"Best Practice Award."** Of the more than 3500 organizations nominated nationwide, only 100 were selected to receive the award.

In 1995, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Philadelphia Green program and NKCDC initiated the New Kensington Open Space Management program to deal with the growing concern of vacant land in this neighborhood. Within the first three years of this program, community residents cleaned and greened 300 plots of vacant land, built community gardens and parks, and developed a process for transferring abandoned vacant lots to homeowners. Through greening activities, residents have taken an active role in reclaiming vacant land.

With the help of PHS, the city's Office of Housing and Community Development, William Penn Foundation, National Tree Trust, Bell Atlantic-PA, Prime Bank, the Corporation for National Service, volunteers from the U.S. Navy and KPMG Certified Public Accountants, the NKCDC Board of Directors, former NKCDC employees, and the hundreds of community residents who volunteered their Saturdays, the program has become a model for other communities dealing with the growing problem of vacant land.

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The flamboyant former Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum and the National Portrait Gallery has been described as witty, opinionated, learned, and indiscreet. While his commentaries on the royals and social luminaries may be controversial, critics and fans agree Sir Roy brings an educated, all-round perspective to garden history and design. In addition to his own garden, he has designed topiary hedges for the Prince of Wales and gardens for tycoons such as Gianni Versace and Elton John.

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1999 Perennials Conference for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries

American and British horticultural experts let you in on the latest in gardening techniques, plant offerings, gardening techniques, innovative design elements, propagation, garden photography, and more. Attend the **1999 Perennials Conference for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries** on Tuesday, October 12, 9 am - 4 pm, in the Performing Arts Center at Swarthmore College.

James Buckland of West Dean College in Chichester, England, will open the conference. Other guest speakers include: **Leo Blanchette** of Carlisle, MA; **Topher Delaney** of San Francisco, CA; **Kim Hawks** of Chapel Hill, NC; **Bob Lyons** of Raleigh, NC; and **Barry Yinger** of Lewisberry, PA. The conference is jointly sponsored by the Hardy Plant Society, Longwood Gardens, the **Pennsylvania Horticultural Society**, and Scott Arboretum.

For conference registration information, please call Longwood Gardens Continuing Education Office at 610-388-1000 ext. 516, Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm.

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As I write this in mid-August, it's been a couple of days since that wonderful Saturday afternoon deluge. It felt good to stand out on the porch and watch the rain. The next morning I swept and raked, clearing away the debris. Normally, I would have been mumbling and fussing about the time it took to clean up, but that morning I just delighted in the inch of rain we received from the storm. Granted it was only a tiny fraction of what we needed to break the drought, but it made me feel just great. I don't think I could ever live in a dry climate—it's too depressing and worrisome, and I'm not even a farmer.

Since our water source is a well, I have been very cautious about watering. Most summers, my Gardening Partner is after me to "stop running those hoses." This year, however, I was my own water police and it's been a learning experience to see what's thrived, what hasn't, and what plants I really value in our garden.

In the "thriving" department are the herbs and scented geraniums, which I didn't water at all. In a raised bed outside our little greenhouse where the heat is intense and the soil excessively well drained, sage, oregano, thyme, tarragon, and even basil have never looked better. The geraniums with more finely cut leaves also fared better than those with big, fuzzy leaves.

For years, deer have treated our garden as their local deli. Interestingly, many of the plants that the deer don't relish are also those that look best in this summer of no rain. In what passes for our perennial garden, the lambs' ears, perovskias, alliums, calaminthas, salvias, and ornamental grasses are thriving. Among the shrubs, buddleja, daphne, barberry and *Deutzia gracilis* 'Nikko' (a PHS Gold Medal Plant Award winner) are proving to be deer- and drought-tolerant.

When I look at what's dead, I take heed to the advice given in nurseries and garden centers to water new plants generously for the first few years of their lives. In the back of the house, we have a slope that faces east. The dogs run down it, so the plants on it have to be tough. Last fall, we replaced the thoroughly overgrown junipers that had been there for 25 years. When I came back in late June after a couple of weeks away from the garden, several of the new junipers had already turned brown and it didn't even dawn on me then that we were having a real drought.

By the end of July, despite my personal watering restrictions, I just couldn't stand to see the shrubs and trees we planted years ago starting to wilt. I knew I couldn't water everything, so I decided I would risk losing plants I had just purchased; these I knew I could replace. The plants that received the most water were those I propagated in 1976 when I had my first summer job in horticulture—working in a wonderful garden owned by PHS member Sally Reath. So the water went to the enkianthus, a group of Exbury hybrid azaleas, and the wonderful azalea 'Daviesii,' a Ghent hybrid. This azalea is not easy to find commercially, but if you ever come across it, invest in at least one. The foliage is blue green and the flowers, which open in mid-May, are pale yellow and wonderfully fragrant. A couple of mail-order sources, whose catalogs are available in the PHS library are: Cummins Garden, 22 Robertsville Rd., Marlboro, NJ 07746 (732-536-2591); and Greer Gardens, 1280 Goodpasture Island Rd., Eugene, OR 97401-8266 (541-686-0910), *www.greergards.com.*

At PHS, we're working on a story for *Green Scene* next spring that will bring together our members' most industrious tips on how to beat droughts. We know it's not over yet, so let us know what you have learned from this summer's experience. What plants have done well for you? What methods did you cook up to save water or recycle graywater? Are there special hoses, gadgets or other items that made your watering chores easier? Please direct your comments to Pamela Vu at PHS by mail, fax (215-988-8810), or email *pamvu@pennhort.org.* As for me, I'll be out in the backyard giving my azalea another quick, precious drink.

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
President

Upcoming Trips

Country Gardens in New York and Connecticut
June 19 - 22, 2000

Join us for a four-day trip by motorcoach to private country gardens in northeastern New York and northwestern Connecticut. The private gardens are located in very small "upstate" towns like the Lakeville/ Salisbury, CT area and in the vicinity of Millbrook/ Stanfordville, NY. Overnight accommodations will be in Lakeville.

PHS Travels to Ireland
July 5 - 18, 2000

After you've traveled to France or to New York/ Connecticut, keep your bags packed and your camera ready for a two-week trip to Ireland, where the "soft climate" is responsible for some of the most varied gardens in Europe. Irish gardens reflect many styles, always taking advantage of the unique growing possibilities in the country.

In addition to private gardens, we'll see both natural and archeological structures and visit Inishmore, the amazing dry stone fort of DunAengus, the Burren, and the Cliffs of Moher. We'll travel from Galway in the west to Dublin in the east, staying at fascinating country house hotels, sampling the cuisine of superb Irish chefs, and visiting homes to experience friendly Irish hospitality first hand.

Itineraries for the Irish and NY/CT trips will be ready in late October. To receive your copy, check the appropriate box on the reservations form (on page 5) or call Members Services at 215-988-8776 or 8832.

Coming up in *Green Scene*

September/October 1999 Issue
- The Art of Layering Bulbs
- Fresh Bulb Designs
- Dangerous Seeds?
- Watnong Rock Garden and More!

November/December 1999 Issue
- Special "American Garden" Issue
- Making a Potted-Bulb Garden
- An Interview with Chris Woods
- The 2000 Gold Medal Plants and More!

To receive *Green Scene* as part of your PHS membership, please call Linda Davis at 215-988-8776. For individual subscriptions or to give this beautiful, four-color bimonthly magazine as a gift ($16.95), call Paula Holland at 215-988-8769.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Members

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

Please join us for the Society's 172nd Annual Meeting at 5:00pm at PHS, 100 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA. We will elect new Council members, take up any other committee business and celebrate the recipients of the Society's awards.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR SIGNED PROXY,
WE NEED YOUR VOTE!

PROXY FORM
The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
Annual Meeting of Members, November 16, 1999

The undersigned hereby appoints Ann L. Reed, Jane G. Pepper and Kathleen G. Putnam, and each of them the true and lawful attorneys of said member, with full power of substitution to vote at the Annual Meeting of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, called to be held at 5:00pm on Tuesday, November 16, 1999, and at any adjournments thereof, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present:

1. For the election of Council Members
2. For the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

All adult members of household should sign.

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Please return to PHS No Later Than November 12, 1999

Gardens for the New Millennium

Volunteer at the 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show

Join us at the Pennsylvania Convention Center as a behind-the scenes volunteer from March 3-10, 2000. If you would like to help, check the roles that interest you and return this form to PHS. Be on the lookout for more Flower Show volunteer opportunities in future issues of the PHS News.

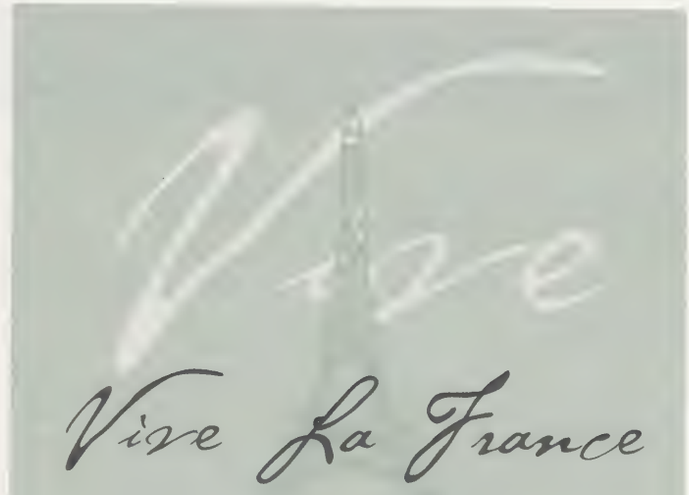
Exhibitor Aides—Help exhibitors transport plants from D Hall to freight elevator and to entry area. Entry level job.
Runners—Carry cards for corrections to and from typing table. Entry level job.
Recorders—Log information for a plant's entry in the Show. Attention to detail and an ability to keep calm under pressure required.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Phone (Day)

Please return to Betty Greene, 100 N. 20th Street-5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495 by **November 1, 1999**. We will contact you with more information.



Vive La France

Join Jane Pepper on a Tour of French Gardens June 8-19, 2000

Avignon, Aix-en-Provence and Vence, wonderful old towns and cultural centers near the French Riviera, will be points of departure for a spring 2000 tour of French gardens. Jane will be joined by tour guides Nancy Hastings and Lana Crawford Rogers for visits to private gardens, historic sites, a vineyard and excellent restaurants. Nancy has arranged tours to England, the Middle East and Europe for more than 15 years. Lana has lived in France for many years and has developed contacts with garden owners who do not normally open their houses and gardens to visitors.

The brochure for this trip will be mailed in mid October. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact Members Services at 215-988-8776 or 8832.

A Gift That Blooms Every Month of the Year

PHS membership is the perfect holiday, birthday, retirement, or anniversary gift. It's easy to extend the many benefits of PHS membership to a friend. You may request a gift membership with your credit card by calling Lisa Wiley, Member Services, at 215-988-8832 or by mail with a check. PHS will promptly send a personalized greeting card informing the recipient of your generosity.

The McLean Library Book Sale

Mark your calendar to attend The McLean Library Book Sale on *Monday, November 15*, 11am to 7pm, and *Tuesday, November 16*, **11am to 6pm**. Buy new gardening books at a discount and used gardening classics at exceptional prices.

New this year are author chats, demos, and book signings. Featured on Monday, November 15 from 11:30am to 1:30pm, will be Liz Ball, horticultural writer, garden photographer, and author of *The Philadelphia Garden Book*; Joyce Fingerut, president of the North American Rock Garden Society, hypertufa expert, and author of *Creating and Planting Garden Troughs*; and Ellen Spector Platt, owner of Meadow Lark Flower & Herb Farm and author of *Lavender: How to Grow & Use the Fragrant Herb*. To donate books, please call Jane Alling, Public Services Librarian, at 215-988-872, or email: *jalling@pennhort.org*

Activities and Events

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Healthy Trees

Wednesday, October 6, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

ISA certified arborist **Lou Giroud** will discuss the keys to healthy trees. He'll cover basics such as selecting the right tree for your landscape, detecting signs of tree problems, coping with insects and diseases, and pruning. He'll also discuss how knowledge of tree biology and spray alternatives have changed methods of tree care. Bring your tree questions; ample time will be provided for problem solving. Lou Giroud is founder and president of Giroud Tree Service, which is celebrating its 25th year in business. Bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

Spring Bulbs for Your Landscape

Thursday, October 7, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Discover the best sort of bulbs for your garden situation and learn how to maximize your garden's potential for a dynamic display of spring bulbs. Using the gardens at Meadowbrook Farm as a classroom, **Charles Cresson** will demonstrate that no matter what the style or challenges of your garden, you can identify new opportunities for incorporating spring bulbs. Following the class, each participant will receive an assortment of bulbs to experiment with in their own landscape. Charles Cresson is a lecturer, consultant, and avid gardener who has authored several books on gardening. He teaches the course on bulbs in the Longwood Gardens certificate program. Fee: $38 nonmembers; $33 members.

Workshop: Utilizing the Fall Garden - Getting Ready for Spring

Saturday, October 9, 10:00 - Noon
Bryn Mawr, PA

Fran Sorin, gardener and garden designer, will take us on a tour of her fall garden. Fran's garden consists of a series of garden rooms planted with a variety of perennials, tropicals, tender perennials, and annuals. She will discuss the successes of this season's garden as well as changes she plans to make. Afterwards, she'll lead a hands-on workshop covering the following topics: selecting and planting unusual spring bulbs, dividing and transplanting spring-blooming perennials, revamping parts of the garden, and preparing the soil for spring. Fran Sorin's garden has been on numerous garden tours. She's also been invited to do gardening segments for Fox-TV, LIFETIME, DISCOVERY, and most recently, the Weekend TODAY SHOW. Program limit: 18. Fee: $28 nonmembers; $25 members.

Seasonal Transitions: The Garden in Autumn

Wednesday, October 13, 5:30 - 7:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Join Chanticleer director **Chris Woods** for an early evening ramble through the garden. During the course of our walk, Chris will focus on plants that work in concert to create the rich tapestry of the autumn garden. Highlights of the season include trees with spectacular color and form, perennials that provide a late season show, and tropical plants at their peak of bloom—the silent heroes of every season. Fee: $15. Members only.

Workshop: Botanical Illustration

6 Sessions, Thursdays, October 14, 21, 28 and November 4, 11, and 18
12:30 - 3:30pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Botanical illustrator **Louisa Rawle Tiné** will teach this six-session course in botanical watercolor. The emphasis is on realistic portrayal of botanical subjects and traditional methods of dry brush watercolor painting. Each week we will discuss, draw, and paint a different plant. Instruction is highly individualized and geared for students with some art background or previous experience in botanical illustration. Louisa Rawle Tiné has worked as a professional artist and illustrator for 30 years in commercial and fine arts. Program limit: 15. Fee: $180. Members only. A materials list will be mailed upon registration.

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Attracting Butterflies

Tuesday, October 19, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

Join **Michael LoFurno** for a closer look at butterflies. Learn more about the life cycle of butterflies; how to identify some of the showier species that frequent our area; and how to attract them to your garden by planting the proper host plants and nectar sources. Michael will also give tips on observing, identifying, and rearing butterflies, including a look at field guides and equipment. Michael LoFurno, a registered landscape architect, is also an accomplished gardener, naturalist, and photographer. His photography has received awards from the New Jersey Mycological Association and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society. Please bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

Lecture: Picturesque, Classical, Contemporary- Three Generations' Influence on a Garden

The Story of Garden-making at Kykuit, the Rockefeller Estate
Wednesday, October 27, 6:00pm
PHS Auditorium

Susan T. Greenstein, Director of the Kykuit program for Historic Hudson Valley, Tarrytown, New York, introduces us to the gardens at Kykuit. Susan will share the story of the three Rockefeller generations who left their mark on this elegant beaux-arts garden designed by William Welles Bosworth at the turn of the 19th century—a garden that remains vibrant and elegant today. Susan Greenstein oversees the visitation program, which welcomes 50,000 visitors each year to the Rockefeller estate in Pocantico, New York. Lecture begins at 6:00pm, followed by light refreshments. The McLean Library will remain open until 5:45 this evening. Fee: $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Handmade Papers

Wednesday, November 10, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

Use the plants in your garden as the source for a different sort of harvest. **Winnie Radolan** will demonstrate how to turn garden vegetables such as onions, celery, and leeks into beautiful and unique handmade papers. Have a look at this process, step by step,

and be inspired to create your own exquisite papers for stationery, picture frames, and crafts.

An artist and educator, Winnie has been fascinated with making papers by hand from a variety of plant materials for more than 10 years. She directed the papermaking program at Historic Rittenhouse Town for eight years, and now through Winnie's Paperworks, she shares her knowledge of this ancient craft through workshops and demonstrations. Please bring a bag lunch; PHS will supply tea and coffee. Fee: $5.

Workshop: Cordially Yours

Wednesday, November 17, 6:00 - 8:00pm
PHS Classroom

Stephen Maciejewski will share the secrets for creating delectable liquors from fresh fruits, sugar, alcohol, and spices. Stephen will lead you through the steps for making cordials, from selecting and preparing fruit to bottling your finished products. In this workshop, you'll start batches for two different liquors, which will be "ready" in time for holiday gift-giving or sharing with friends. Please bring two wide-mouth glass jars: one quart and one-half gallon. All other materials will be provided.

Stephen Maciejewski authored the cover story, "Turning Excess into Tasty Spirits Using Faith, Hope and Charity," for the September 1997 *Green Scene*. He has also garnered numerous blue ribbons for his cordial creations at the Philadelphia Harvest Show. Fee: $45. Members only.

Floral Arranging Demonstration: Holiday Decorating

New Twists on Traditional Techniques
Wednesday, December 1, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

Get ready for holiday decorating! It's easy and fun with new techniques for traditional arrangements. Experienced arranger **Jane Godshalk** will show you how to combine seasonal greens and flowers into innovative designs.

Jane Godshalk is a graduate of the Longwood Gardens Certificate Program in Floral Design. She is a frequent exhibitor and winner in both the Philadelphia Flower and Harvest Shows. Fee: $10.

Activities and Events Reservations

Reservations, required for all PHS programs, may be made through the reservations form (below). Fill out and mail to: **PHS Activities, attn: Sally Kutyla, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495**. Please include full payment. Reservations may also be made by phone. Call **(215) 988-8775 or 8869**. Please have your VISA or MasterCard ready. ***Confirmations for all events, will be mailed except for Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series.*** Travel directions will be mailed for events away from PHS.

Refunds and cancellations: If you withdraw from a registration event, the following fees will apply:

One-day Field Trips—$5 fee, provided the request is received at least 4 days before event. (No refund if less than 4 days.)
All Other Events—$3 fee, provided the request is received at least 2 days before event. (No refund if less than 2 days.)

Healthy Trees 10/6
Fee $5 _____

Spring Bulbs for Your Landscape 10/7
Fee $38 _____ $33 Members _____

Utilizing the Fall Garden 10/9
Fee $28 _____ $25 Members _____
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Chanticleer Autumn Walk 10/13
Members Only. Fee $15 _____

Botanical Illustration
10/14, 21, 28, and 11/4, 11, 18
Members Only. Fee $180 _____

Attracting Butterflies 10/19
Fee $5 _____

Garden Making at Kykuit 10/27
Fee $18 _____ $15 Members _____

Papermaking 11/10
Fee $5 _____

Cordially Yours 11/17
Members Only. Fee $45 _____

Floral Demonstration 12/1
Fee $10 _____

1999 Garden Tours
I would like to receive an itinerary for the:
❒ Ireland Trip
❒ NY/CT Trip
❒ France Trip

Sir Roy Strong 11/14
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Please provide your current phone number(s) so we may contact you if there are changes in scheduled activities.

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PHS Hotline...

Q: How should I store my garden tools?

A: Garden tools should be cleaned and sharpened before storing them for the winter. Remove any dried mud with an old plastic or wooden spoon, or with a hard-bristled brush. If you use water to remove dirt from tools, be sure to dry carefully with a clean cotton rag. To remove rust on long-handled tools, dip the metal head into a bucket of sand mixed with vegetable oil. Rust on hand tools can be removed by lightly sanding, then wiping with an oiled rag. To keep tools in good working condition, lubricate the moving parts with a drop of oil.

When it comes to sharpening shovels and hoes, place the tool in a vice and use a flat file. Always sharpen away from the body, and wear safety glasses to protect your eyes. Also, try hanging large tools to prevent damage to sharpened edges using hooks and special holders on a pegboard in a garden shed, basement, or garage. Hand tools can be stored easily in the pockets of a tool carrier, or in a bucket. As for hoses, they should be coiled on a sturdy hanger or reel and brought indoors for the winter. And remember to turn off the water supply to outside faucets.

PHS's Horticultural Hotline is open Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - noon. Phone: 215-988-8777; Fax: 215-988-8783; email: *jalling@pennhort.org*

Free Artistic Symposium for the Philadelphia Flower Show
Tuesday, October 26, 1999, 10am
PHS, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor

Kit Barker—former director of the Garden Club of America, vice-chair for Zones I, II, and III on the Garden Club of America Judging Committee, and winner of the GCA Fenwick Medal and Puckett Creativity Award for flower arrangement—will present **Demystifying Abstract**. The program will illustrate the evolution of Abstract in art, and define and demonstrate the concept and qualities of Abstract Flower Arranging. Everyone is welcome! *Free*. Reservations not required.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

Congratulations to 1999 City Gardens Contest Winners!

Every year, the City Gardens Contest, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, challenges our city gardeners to compete for prizes and bragging rights by creating imaginative and thriving gardens. Not only do they meet the challenge, they go beyond to create a "piece of paradise" that often is overlooked amidst the urban landscape. Categories include vegetable, flower, container, and block gardens.

Now, meet some of our winners:

The 1500 Block of E. Berks Street won first place in the "Greenest Block in Town" category.

Brian Kirsch won first place for his "Individual Vegetable Garden - Mid-size" in Northeast Philadelphia. A family member seen here tending to a cabbage plant.

Robert Beck seen here with his first place "Individual Flower Garden - Large" at 2346 Rhawn Street. At the rear, sits a bust of Bacchus—the god of wine and revelry.

The **Azalea Garden** (near the Philadelphia Museum of Art) came out of the 1999 drought better than expected, thanks to our volunteers. We lost some plants, but the losses would have been much greater if it weren't for our dedicated volunteers.

We'd like to thank all our volunteers for their time and help with watering:

Madeline Page
Marc Zaharchuk
Tom Watkins
Jane Gourley
Harry and Karen Bower
Loren Foster - PHS intern

Celebrating the Bounty of Local Gardeners at the 1999 Harvest Show

First held in 1832, the recent Harvest Show lived up to its tradition of old-time country fair, which is fun for the whole family. Despite a last-minute hurricane that hit upon the heels of the worst drought in decades, this year's entrants took exceptional pride in their winnings. Gardeners competed in horticultural and artistic categories that included design, fruits and vegetables, herbs, flowers, pressed plant materials, baked goods, and preserved products. There were 1,698 entries from over 1400 individual gardeners and 23 community gardens.

Sweepstakes winners from this year include:

- Virginia Brooke Pennypacker Gardeners' Sweepstakes Award to the Individual winning the greatest number of blue ribbons in two or more horticultural sections: **Stephen V. Clarke**.
- The PHS Community Garden Sweepstakes Certificate to the Community Garden winning the greatest number of blue ribbons in the Show: **Fitzwater 2000**.
- The PHS Club Sweepstakes Certificate to the Horticultural Organization winning the greatest number of blue ribbons: **Philadelphia Cactus and Succulent Society**.
- The PHS Preserved Products Sweepstakes Certificate to the Individual winning the greatest number of blue ribbons in preserved products: **Ana Biddle**.

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Reaching Out

In an era of rapid change, how does PHS best sustain its programs and achieve its mission, while adapting to changing demographics and the changing needs of our constituents, who include our members, Flower Show visitors, exhibitors, and community gardeners? You do so by developing a Strategic Plan specifically for PHS.

Changing demographics in the city of Philadelphia make this concept of "sustainability" especially critical to our **Philadelphia Green** program, in which—over the past 25 years—we have worked with community groups on more than 3,000 greening projects. As the city's population decreases and our citizens become older, however, PHS must make every effort to ensure our programs remain relevant to community gardeners of the next decade.

In past years, the emphasis of Philadelphia Green has been on project development. Going forward, staff members will increasingly focus on building skills in horticulture, as well as the capacity of neighborhood groups. What does "capacity" mean? It means that, not only do these neighbors have to know how to plant and maintain gardens, but they also have to be skilled at building strong neighborhood organizations, finding resources within their communities, fundraising, and finding the best ways to secure appropriate city services for their neighborhoods.

A few years ago we started two training programs, as pilots in response to the large number of requests for help from potential gardeners throughout the city—the programs have now become an integral component in our relationship with all communities. Both offer several classroom sessions at PHS, followed by field visits. **Tree Tenders**, over the past six years, has trained more than 1,000 Philadelphia residents in the art and science of caring for trees in communities. We have also developed **Tree Tenders for Teachers**, which has been incorporated into the Philadelphia School District's Service Learning program.

Garden Tenders, meanwhile, follow their classroom sessions with a tour of city gardens and two hands-on work sessions. There, participants draw lots to determine which neighborhood will benefit from the labors from a garden built by Garden Tenders in training. **Alfreda Mason**, one of our champion Garden Tenders graduates from Germantown has, with her neighbors, converted an ugly half-acre vacant lot into a thriving garden with flowers, vegetables, an arbor, and a barbecue area that hums with activity in the summer months. And all of this started when Alfreda and her neighbors attended a few educational sessions at PHS.

Through our **Parks Revitalization** project, funded by the William Penn Foundation and the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, we are developing a **Parks Education Resource Center**. This "virtual" training center offers sessions for citizens involved in some of the almost 80 parks operated by the Department of Recreation. To these "friends" groups, we are offering an ever-increasing number of opportunities, not only for formal training in skills that range from tree planting to conflict resolution, but also sessions for neighbors to network with each other. A solution in one neighborhood is often the route to success for another group.

Over the past year, we also started another venture in our **Public Landscapes** department: a course that teaches people how to increase the survival rate of city trees during construction. The Streets Department engineers, field inspectors, and designers who attended these sessions now have a new understanding about the physiology of trees and what special stresses city trees often face. This year, we also offered four days of horticultural training to Fairmount Park arborists and grounds maintenance workers on topics ranging from soils and perennials to woody plants and annuals.

With all these training sessions, as well as the workshops and classes we offer for our members and the Brown Bag Lunch Series we offer for the public, the Society seeks to ensure the sustainability of our precious green spaces, be they public or private.

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
President

ONE BIG PLANT PARTY

Hurricane Floyd gave us all a scare, but it didn't deter our members from coming out to the Plant Dividend at the Harvest Show. "It was one of the most successful Plant Dividends we've ever had," said co-chair Lee Raden. "And how do I know this? Because there weren't any plants left."

For the first time, the plant giveaway was held at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park. "In the past, it was difficult for people to come into the city," added Lee. "Now, people can come to the Horticulture Center, park with ease, and enjoy the Harvest Show. It's a one-two punch."

Nan Steketee remembers when she first picked up her *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Blue Billow' at the Plant Dividend 10 years ago (see photo above). In fact, this Gold Medal Plant winner is still thriving and infusing color into her garden today. "It has been a joy to me, growing by leaps and bounds, despite my moving it twice," offered Nan.

Over 3,400 plants including rare rock garden finds, orchids, bromeliads, and even a hybridized lily named 'Jane Pepper' were distributed to eager members. More than twice the number of people from previous years attended. "We worried through the drought and fretted about Hurricane Floyd," explained staffer Sally Kutyla. "But our donors and volunteers came through, providing beautifully grown plants and the energy to make this event a rousing success."

Thanks to co-chairs Lee Raden and Sandy Salkeld for organizing the event, the Members Committee for their hard work, and all of you for your participation. We were thrilled to see so many of you at the Dividend. Thanks for your patience and enthusiasm. Your suggestions and comments will be heeded as we plan for 2000.

Major Awards to be Announced at the Annual Members' Meeting

Since its founding in 1827, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society has recognized the horticultural accomplishments and contributions of individuals, businesses and organizations with major awards. The awardees, chosen by PHS's Awards Committee, will be announced at the November 16th Annual Meeting of Members, at 5:00pm

Distinguished Medal Award is awarded to an individual from the mid-Atlantic States who has made outstanding contributions to the field of horticulture in an area of particular interest to PHS:

Paul W. Meyer

For over a quarter of a century, Paul Meyer's influence on the quality of horticulture in the Delaware Valley and beyond has been diverse and exceptional. He began his tenure at the Morris Arboretum in 1976 as Curator of the Living Collection; he has served as Director since 1991. Paul is known for his work on ornamental plant introductions from Asia and has published and lectured widely on the need for a rational approach to foreign plant exploration. He has served as a member and chair of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Gold Medal Plant Award Committee, on the Flower Show Nomenclature Committee, and as a Flower Show judge.

Certificate Of Merit is awarded to an individual(s), organization, institution or business corporation for outstanding contributions to (or achievements in) horticulture or horticultural activities:

William E. Mifflin

Bill began his career with Fairmount Park in 1968 and has served as Executive Director since 1988. His responsibilities have required skills in management, recreation, and horticulture. The Park Director is answerable to many different constituencies, often with differing priorities, and assuring the maintenance of Fairmount Park is no easy job. Bill is to be admired for his even-handed approach to meeting the challenges, his love for our City, and his understanding of the importance of its parks. The Fairmount Park Commission has been a key partner in the development of the relandscaping projects for the Azalea Garden and the Philadelphia Museum of Art and without Bill's support and that of his staff, these projects would never have been possible.

Irene Slater

Every organization dependent on volunteer assistance would love to count among their blessings an Irene Slater. She is a "do-it-all" person and an inspiration to all other volunteers. She is the "Burlap Queen" at the Harvest Show and checks thousands of plant names as Co-Chair of Nomenclature for the Flower Show. Once the Show opens, Irene dons a judge's ribbon to serve on a special judge's panel for rock garden classes, then puts on an apron and serves lunch to the other judges. Irene possesses an incredible amount of horticultural knowledge and has served on the PHS Hotline longer than anyone. Her straightforward answers have helped hundreds of Delaware Valley residents with their plant problems.

Sharon Turner

Over the past 20-plus years, Sharon Turner has been an enthusiastically dedicated supporter of the Society and its Philadelphia Green program. In the early years, Sharon, her mother Willie Mae Bullock, and several neighbors were strongly committed to improving the quality of life in their North Philadelphia neighborhood and chose to partner with the Society through Philadelphia Green. Sharon's involvement with PHS includes community gardener, Harvest Show exhibitor and committee member, Flower Show volunteer, Philadelphia Green Advisory Board member and chair, PHS Council member, and active participant in several long-range planning focus groups and initiatives.

Sandra Crosset Ward

Sandy has been an enthusiastic and dedicated volunteer and a loyal PHS supporter for over 25 years. She has served on Council, chaired the Awards Committee, and is a long-time member of the Harvest Show and Flower Show Executive Committees. Sandy is a tireless worker who has been a source of inspiration to exhibitors, volunteers, and staff. Over the years, she has been involved in many creative and operational areas of the Philadelphia Flower Show: awards, competitive classes, exhibitors and awards luncheon, special events and signs. Whatever the role, Sandy carries out her duties and assignments with expertise and enthusiasm, grace and good humor.

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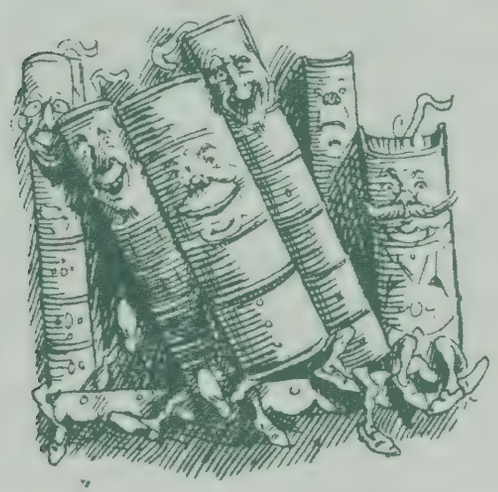
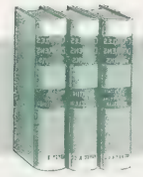


The McLean Library Book Sale

Mark your calendar to attend The McLean Library Book Sale on *Monday, November 15*, 11am to 7pm, and *Tuesday, November 16*, 11am to 6pm. Buy new gardening books at a discount and used gardening classics at exceptional prices.

New this year are author chats, demos, and book signings. Featured on Monday, November 15 from 11:30am to 1:30pm, will be Liz Ball, horticultural writer, garden photographer, and author of *The Philadelphia Garden Book*; Joyce Fingerut, president of the North American Rock Garden Society, hypertufa expert, and author of *Creating and Planting Garden Troughs*; and Ellen Spector Platt, owner of Meadow Lark Flower & Herb Farm and author of *Lavender: How to Grow & Use the Fragrant Herb.* To donate books, please call Jane Alling, Public Services Librarian, at 215-988-8772, or email: *jalling@pennhort.org*



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A: It's not too late to help trees and shrubs recover from drought stress following this past summer's dry conditions. Trees have 80% of their feeding roots in the upper 18 inches of soil. Watering deeply and slowly helps these feeding roots grow normally, whereas light watering harms trees and shrubs during dry times. Plants produce new rootlets in the upper inch of soil, where they are susceptible to drought stress. To hold water, form an earthen saucer around each plant or spread 4-6 inch layer of mulch to improve moisture retention. But do not fertilize now—it makes for thirstier plants. Drought conditions are worsened by winter winds which "freeze dry" trees and shrubs, removing precious moisture from exposed limbs and causing damage to plants. This winter, water trees and shrubs until the ground freezes, and during any mid-winter thaw.

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Gardens for the New Millennium

Volunteer at the 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show

Join us at the Pennsylvania Convention Center as a behind-the scenes volunteer from March 4-10, 2000. If you would like to help, check the roles that interest you and return this form to PHS. Be on the lookout for more Flower Show volunteer opportunities in future issues of the PHS News.

Exhibitor Aides—Help exhibitors transport plants from D Hall to freight elevator and to entry area. Entry level job.
Runners—Carry cards for corrections to and from typing table. Entry level job.
Recorders—Log information for a plant's entry in the Show. Attention to detail and an ability to keep calm under pressure required.

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ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: HANDMADE PAPERS

Wednesday, November 10, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

Use the plants in your garden as the source for a different sort of harvest. **Winnie Radolan** will demonstrate how to turn garden vegetables such as onions, celery, and leeks into beautiful and unique handmade papers. Have a look at this process, step by step, and be inspired to create your own exquisite papers for stationery, picture frames, and crafts.

An artist and educator, Winnie has been fascinated with making papers by hand from a variety of plant materials for more than 10 years. She directed the papermaking program at Historic Rittenhouse Town for eight years, and now through Winnie's Paperworks, she shares her knowledge of this ancient craft through workshops and demonstrations. Please bring a bag lunch; PHS will supply tea and coffee. Fee: $5.

WORKSHOP: CORDIALLY YOURS

Wednesday, November 17, 6:00 - 8:00pm
PHS Classroom

Stephen Maciejewski will share the secrets for creating delectable liquors from fresh fruits, sugar, alcohol, and spices. Stephen will lead you through the steps for making cordials, from selecting and preparing fruit to bottling your finished products. In this workshop, you'll start batches for two different liquors, which will be "ready" in time for holiday gift-giving or sharing with friends. Please bring two wide-mouth glass jars: one quart and one-half gallon. All other materials will be provided.

Stephen Maciejewski authored the cover story, "Turning Excess into Tasty Spirits Using Faith, Hope and Charity," for the September 1997 *Green Scene*. He has also garnered numerous blue ribbons for his cordial creations at the Philadelphia Harvest Show. Fee: $45. Members only.

FLORAL ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION: HOLIDAY DECORATING

New Twists on Traditional Techniques
Wednesday, December 1, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

Get ready for holiday decorating! It's easy and fun with new techniques for traditional arrangements. Experienced arranger **Jane Godshalk** will show you how to combine seasonal greens and flowers into innovative designs. Jane Godshalk is a graduate of the Longwood Gardens Certificate Program in Floral Design. She is a frequent exhibitor and winner in both the Philadelphia Flower and Harvest Shows. Fee: $10.

WORKSHOP: EASY WREATHMAKING

Tuesday, December 7, 10:00 - Noon
Primex Garden Center, Glenside, PA

Eva Monheim, of Eve's Floral Creations, will share her technique for making a quick and easy wreath in less than an hour. In this workshop, you'll create a lush, full wreath from fresh seasonal evergreens and have time left over to learn additional decorating tips and shortcuts. (Hint: Eva's secret recipe for a 60-minute wreath begins with a grapevine wreath.)

Once you've learned the basics, Eva will demonstrate how to incorporate fruits, branches and decorative elements into your projects and how to create customized gifts for special friends. Workshop fee of $53 ($48 for members) includes instruction and materials to make a 22" door-size wreath complete with pine cones and a hand-tied velvet bow. Please bring pruners. Travel directions to Primex Garden Center will be mailed; Primex can also be easily reached by public transportation.

WORKSHOP: LIVING HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE

Thursday, December 9, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Create a long-lasting centerpiece to enjoy throughout the holiday season. **Nanci Walsh**, retail manager at Meadowbrook Farm, will demonstrate how to artfully combine blooming potted plants and greens in an informal tabletop arrangement. Nanci will also offer tips on caring for your plants and how to "dress up" your design for special occasions. Each class member will design a centerpiece in a low wicker basket. All materials will be provided. Travel directions will be mailed. Fee: $45 nonmembers; $40 members.

Special Event: Sir Roy Strong

Sunday, November 14, 2:00pm

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College invite you to "**The Laskett: The Making of Our Garden 1973 - 1999**," a special lecture by **Sir Roy Strong**, on **Sunday**, **November 14**, at **2:00 pm**, Lang Performing Arts Center, Swarthmore College. A tea reception will follow the lecture.

Sir Roy Strong, a leading garden historian and designer, and his wife, Dr. Julia T. Oman, have transformed four acres of ploughed fields around their home in England's beautiful county of Herefordshire into a widely acclaimed formal garden with more than thirty "garden rooms."

Please register using the registration form (on page 7), or you may register using a VISA or MasterCard by phone at 215-988-8775. Fee: $20 for PHS or Scott Arboretum members; $25 for nonmembers.

Volunteers Needed for Flower Show Shoppe

If you enjoy people and love to sell, we invite you to volunteer at Flower Show Shoppe 2000. Our visitors love the warm and fuzzy experience of our Shoppes when staffed by PHS member volunteers. Merchandise for 2000 is new and exciting and selected by PHS staff. The assortment includes your favorite collector mugs, t-shirts, and totes. Your expertise will help raise money for PHS projects. In addition to sales, Shoppe volunteers are needed for merchandise and fixture set-up, inventory counts, fill-ins, and tear down.

If you are interested, please contact Betty Greene, Shows Committee Coordinator at 215-988-8826 or by email at *bgreene@pennhort.org*

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Refunds and cancellations: If you withdraw from a registration event, the following fees will apply:
One-day Field Trips—$5 fee, provided the request is received at least 4 days before event. (No refund if less than 4 days.)
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PAPERMAKING 11/10
Fee $5 _____

CORDIALLY YOURS 11/17
Members Only. Fee $45 _____

FLORAL DEMONSTRATION 12/1
Fee $10 _____

WORKSHOP: EASY WREATHMAKING 12/7
Fee $53 _____ $48 Members _____

WORKSHOP: LIVING HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE 12/9
Fee $45 _____ $40 Members _____

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$20 PHS or Scott Members _____
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UPCOMING TRIPS

Vive La France

June 8-19, 2000

Join Jane Pepper on a tour of french gardens. Avignon, Aix-en-Provence and Vence, wonderful old towns and cultural centers near the French Riviera, will be points of departure for a spring 2000 tour of French gardens. Jane will be joined by tour guides Nancy Hastings and Lana Crawford Rogers for visits to private gardens, historic sites, a vineyard and excellent restaurants. Nancy has arranged tours to England, the Middle East, and Europe for more than 15 years. Lana has lived in France for many years and has developed contacts with garden owners who do not normally open their houses and gardens to visitors.

Country Gardens in New York and Connecticut

June 19 - 22, 2000

Join us for a four-day trip by motorcoach to private country gardens in northeastern New York and northwestern Connecticut. The private gardens are located in very small "upstate" towns like the Lakeville/ Salisbury, CT area and in the vicinity of Millbrook/ Stanfordville, NY. Overnight accommodations will be in Lakeville. Betsy Gullan, PHS Membership manager, and Jean Lenehan of Tours a la Carte will accompany the group.

PHS Travels to Ireland

July 5 - 18, 2000

After you've traveled to France or to New York/Connecticut, keep your bags packed and your camera ready for a two-week trip to Ireland, where the "soft climate" is responsible for some of the most varied gardens in Europe. Irish gardens reflect many styles, always taking advantage of the unique growing possibilities in the country. In addition to private gardens, we'll see both natural and archeological structures and visit Inishmore, the amazing dry stone fort of DunAengus, the Burren, and the Cliffs of Moher. We'll travel from Galway in the west to Dublin in the east, staying at fascinating country house hotels, sampling the cuisine of superb Irish chefs, and visiting homes to experience friendly Irish hospitality first hand. Betsy Gullan, PHS Membership manager, and Jean Lenehan of Tours a la Carte will accompany the group.

Itineraries for these trips are ready now. To receive your copy, check the appropriate box on the reservations form or call Members Services at 215-988-8776 or 8832.

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Plant Symbioses

Monday, January 24 - Monday, February 28, 2000

Plants form an amazing range of associations with other organisms. This mini-course will examine the variety of symbiotic relationships with bacteria, fungi, animals and other plants and will put each in the context of plant adaptation and survival.

Plant Growth Regulators

Monday, March 27 - Monday May 1, 2000

The normal growth and development of plants are controlled by environmental factors and a wide variety of natural biochemicals produced by the plant. This course will examine the role of plant hormones and growth substances, their uses as plant growth regulators and herbicides, and the principles of hormone response in a plant.

Green Scene To Run Display Ads

Starting with the January 2000 issue, *Green Scene* magazine will begin carrying display advertisements from local gardening businesses and other retailers. These ads will serve as informational resources for area gardeners. If you have any questions about how to run an ad in *Green Scene*, please contact our advertising representative, Michel Manzo, at 610-527-7047, or email: *manzocomm@aol.com.*

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The 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show's "Competitive Classes"

The "Competitive Classes" of the Philadelphia Flower Show are known as the Olympics of the horticultural world. Exhibitors come from the world over to flex their gardening green thumbs and display their artistic talents.

Last year, more than 490 people entered 2,870 exhibits in these classes. PHS members first displayed their horticultural wonders in 1828. Since then the classes have grown to include container display, entryway, garden, miniature settings, and niche classes, to name a few.

The Artistic Classes (49 classes) are where entrants compete in various design classes, while the Horticulture Classes (172 classes) feature potted plants grown by novice and seasoned gardeners alike.

"There's something for everyone in these classes," says Competitive Classes chair Midge Ingersoll. "In the Horticulture Classes, we see everything from small violets to exotic orchids. And in the Artistic Classes, individuals can choose from a small to a medium to a large area of space to display their design talents. For example, in the Miniature Arrangement Classes the floor area is 4-inches x 4-inches, whereas for the Garden Class the area is 22-feet x 22-feet."

With preparation times of up to a year, competitors can work themselves into a frenzy, with last-minute touchups and mishaps. The stories are infamous: one year, an elephant topiary caught fire and had to be totally redone with baby's tears; another year, just minutes before judging, a pot of tulips was ruined when someone accidentally fell on top of it.

If you would like to enter in one of the many Horticulture Classes, there is a workshop for you. You are welcome to bring your plants to be examined by horticultural experts. The workshop will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2000, noon - 2pm at PHS, 100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia. Please call Susie Wilmerding at 215-988-8827 or fax 215-988-8810 or email *swilmerd@pennhort.org* by January 14, 2000, to reserve a space.

Let the Classes begin!

—Pamela Vu

Here are a few exhibiting tips for horticulture entries:

A Week Before the Show

- Clean foliage. For broad-leaved plants, use cotton balls and water. Do NOT use oil.
- Remove dead or blemished material.
- Entry cards should be filled out completely.
- Top-dress plants with pebbles or other material that will not "float."
- Plain plastic pots can be used, but judges prefer standard clay pots.

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Making Technology Work For You

For years when we were in our old headquarters in Independence National Historical Park, my husband–The Gardening Partner–used to complain that he could never reach me by phone. He wouldn't believe me when I told him that our receptionist used to run up and down stairs calling me, or that I wasn't really trying to avoid him. Our members probably experienced the same frustrations in the "old days" in their efforts to communicate with staff, but these days, staff and PHS services are much more accessible to our members and the public, thanks to exciting advances in technology.

Better Member Access. When we moved into our new building in 1996, we installed "voice mail," which made it possible for callers to reach staff members directly any time, day or night. This winter, we will upgrade our voice-mail system to incorporate an automated information directory, so callers can get directions to the Flower Show or information about our events 'round the clock. And with each staff member now having his or her own computer, the speedy world of email enables members to get in touch with staff members by using the first initial and the first seven letters of a surname, followed by "*@pennhort.org*" (such as *jpepper@pennhort.org*).

Another excellent way for members to reach PHS is through our website, *www.libertynet.org/phs*. Here you will find information on programs and events, Philadelphia Green, trips, tours and membership, the latest on the Philadelphia Flower Show, information on *Green Scene* magazine and our newsletters, and listings of Gold Medal Plants with sources. You can also search our McLean Library catalog or ask your most pressing horticultural question through the web. As Janet Evans, PHS librarian says, "Why search the world for gardening information when it's in your backyard at PHS."

Also, have you ever had a gardening question, but couldn't find the answer on your own? When PHS members call in with horticultural questions like this, they are transferred to our wonderful team of "Hotline volunteers," who are available in person or by phone, or by email (*jalling@pennhort.org*). The Hotline is open Monday through Friday, from 9:30 am to noon year round, except December and during Flower Show time.

New Technology Plans. This year we have embarked on three new technology initiatives. The first is to develop a software program to manage the flow of information for the Flower Show and its participants. Imagine the paperwork involved in keeping the facts straight on more than 2,500 exhibitors. This summer, thanks to the generosity of the Hamilton Family Foundation, we hired a consultant to develop a customized software program to organize the data and allow users in multiple departments to access the information. Staff members are testing the system now and it will be ready to hum into business for the 2000 Show.

Another initiative is a website task force under the guidance of Lisa Stephano, manager, Public Relations and Marketing, to determine new and interesting ways our website can make PHS services accessible to members and the public. The final initiative is to determine how the McLean Library will look as we move into the next century. Under the leadership of chair Martha Morris, librarian Janet Evans, and Eva Ray, PHS's Educational Services manager, a committee is studying how we can best meet the needs of our members in imaginative, productive ways that take advantage of new technologies and new media.

At the edge of the new millennium, it's clear that to best serve our constituents, PHS needs to be on the cutting edge of technology. In the past few years it has made our work more efficient and our services more accessible to our members. If you have suggestions as to how we can use technology to make these services more accessible to you, please send me an email.

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
President

A Holiday Gift That Blooms Every Month of the Year

PHS membership is a perfect holiday gift for a friend or relative who shares your enjoyment of gardening. It's easy to share the benefits of PHS membership—free ticket(s) to the Philadelphia Flower Show, special invitations to tours and workshops, a subscription to *PHS News*, discounts at select garden centers in the region, and much more! If you choose to give holiday cheer in the form of a Household membership ($60) or above, your friend will receive the colorful *Green Scene* magazine as well as many additional benefits.

You may request a gift membership with your credit card by calling Member's Services, at 215-988-8776 or 8832, by mail with a check or on-line through the PHS website *www.libertynet.org/phs*. PHS will send a personalized greeting card to recipients informing them of your generosity and forward a thank you letter to you with the membership gift information.

Gold Medal Plant Profile

Weigela Wine and Roses™

(*Weigela florida* 'Alexandra')

A 2000 Gold Medal Plant winner, this *Weigela florida* 'Alexandra'–commercially available as Weigela Wine and Roses™–is an easy-to-grow, medium-size shrub that is 4-5 feet high and wide. Its vibrant, pinkish flowers in spring contrast beautifully with dark burgundy-purple, glossy foliage. *Weigela* is pest-and disease-free, and tolerant of pollution and urban conditions. It will grow in almost any location, but prefers moist, well-drained soils. Full sun brings out the best hues of this stress-tolerant beauty. Hardy in Zones 4-7. See the November 1999 issue of *Green Scene* for the complete list of 2000 Gold Medal Plants.

In The Spotlight

Each month, we will spotlight a gardener whose contributions to PHS and the greater community help inspire and motivate us all to work towards a more perfect, greener world.

This month's honoree is the distinguished **Lee Raden**. As a horticulturist, teacher, leader and loyal PHS supporter, Lee has earned numerous awards including the Society's Distinguished Achievement Award and many won at the Philadelphia Flower Show. He has served as a board member of the American Primrose Society and past president of the North American Rock Garden Society and has been an invaluable source when it comes to alpine plants.

In addition to his tireless horticultural work, Lee is famous for his sense of humor and exuberant spirit, which not only inspire gardens to bloom, but also friendships within the horticultural community. "Gardeners are some of the most wonderful people you'll ever meet," Lee says. "They're good sports and are always helpful."

When asked what advice he would give to gardeners, Lee offers, "Be active and volunteer at PHS. This organization has plenty of workshops and lectures for both beginning gardeners, as well as the seasoned expert. In fact, if you become a PHS member, it's hard not to be involved. With *Green Scene* magazine, the newsletters, and Library, PHS is the leading source of gardening info in the whole Delaware Valley."

Lee has also been involved in the Flower Show for the past 30 years, and continues to lend his horticultural expertise to PHS's Hotline callers. Serving as the ambassador of gardening, it's no wonder Lee Raden is our choice for the Gardener of the Month.

Volunteers Needed for Flower Show Shoppe

We look forward to the return of our warm and wonderful volunteers to PHS' merchandise boutique in the 2000 Flower Show. From garden and gift items to your favorite collectible mugs and tee shirts, you'll find a shower of flowered items purchased especially for Flower Show 2000 by PHS Merchandise manager Rosemary McGeary. If you love people and really enjoy selling, we hope you will volunteer to work with Anne Kellett, chair of the Volunteers for the Shoppe. We need you especially for sales and service, checking and marking, Shoppe set-up and inventory.

Interested? Please contact Shani Risien, Merchandising assistant at 215-988-1613, or fax 215-988-8810 or email: *srisien@pennhort.org*. We look forward to hearing from you!

The PHS family lost a long-time friend when Barbara Bruno passed away this October. An artist on canvas and in the garden, Barbara often opened her home in Cumberland County, New Jersey to PHS members and friends. Barbara's talents included writing for Green Scene, photography, and exhibiting at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her family.

Gardens for the New Millennium

Volunteer at the 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show

Join us at the Pennsylvania Convention Center as a behind-the-scenes volunteer from March 4-12, 2000. If you would like to help, check the roles that interest you and return this form to PHS.

- ❒ **Exhibitor Aides**—Help exhibitors transport plants from D Hall to freight elevator and to entry area. Entry level job.
- ❒ **Runners**—Carry cards for corrections to and from typing table. Entry level job.
- ❒ **Recorders**—Log information for a plants entry into the Show. Attention to detail and an ability to keep calm under pressure required.
- ❒ **Infonet**—Welcome and direct visitors to the Flower Show, help with the phone bank, serve as Show floor or Concourse ambassador, or work an information booth.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Phone (Day)

Please return to Betty Greene, PHS, 100 N. 20th St.-2nd floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495 by **January 1, 2000**, or call 215-988-8826, or email: *bgreene@pennhort.org*. We will contact you with more information.

Activities and Events

Workshop: Easy Wreathmaking

Tuesday, December 7, 10:00 - Noon
Primex Garden Center, Glenside, PA

Eva Monheim, of Eve's Floral Creations, will share her technique for making a quick and easy wreath in less than an hour. In this workshop, you'll create a lush, full wreath from fresh seasonal evergreens and have time left over to learn additional decorating tips and shortcuts. (Hint: Eva's secret recipe for a 60-minute wreath begins with a grapevine wreath.)

Once you've learned the basics, Eva will demonstrate how to incorporate fruits, branches and decorative elements into your projects and how to create customized gifts for special friends. Workshop fee of $53 ($48 for members) includes instruction and materials to make a 22" door-size wreath complete with pine cones and a hand-tied velvet bow. Please bring pruners. Travel directions to Primex Garden Center will be mailed; Primex can also be easily reached by public transportation.

Workshop: Living Holiday Centerpiece

Thursday, December 9, 10:00 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Create a long-lasting centerpiece to enjoy throughout the holiday season. **Nanci Walsh**, retail manager at Meadowbrook Farm, will demonstrate how to artfully combine blooming potted plants and greens in an informal tabletop arrangement. Nanci will also offer tips on caring for your plants and how to "dress up" your design for special occasions. Each class member will design a centerpiece in a low wicker basket. All materials will be provided. Travel directions will be mailed. Fee: $45 nonmembers; $40 members.

Herbarium Collections

Tuesday, January 11, 10 - Noon
The Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, PA

Join **Dr. Alfred Schuyler** for an introduction to the herbarium at the Academy. The diverse historical collections include plants from the Lewis and Clark expedition of the Northwest Territory, the second voyage of Captain Cook, and over 7,000 plant specimens collected by Mary Gibson Henry of Gladwyne.

The acting chair of the Academy's Botany Department and the director of research at the Henry Foundation, Dr. Schuyler will discuss the importance of herbarium specimens and their preservation. Travel and parking directions will be mailed upon registration. Program limit: 15. Fee: $15. Members only.

Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series:

The Wired Gardener, Part I: Mining the Web for Gardening Resources
Friday, January 7, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

There's a wide, wide world of gardening information on the World Wide Web. Do you know where to find it? Join PHS librarian and web navigator **Janet Evans** for an overview of gardening resources on the web. In this lecture/demonstration you will be introduced to web and browser basics, and learn how to quickly find gardening websites.

The Wired Gardener, Part II: Gardening Resources for the Mid-Atlantic Gardener
Thursday, January 13, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

Now that you've mastered the basics, discover the best online resources for Zones 5-7 gardeners. Janet will show you how to research the plants that will grow in your backyard; find out about local gardening happenings; and learn where to shop, where to take gardening classes, and more! Please bring a bag lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5 per session.

Lecture:

South Africa: Its Plants and Gardens
Wednesday, January 19, 6:00pm
PHS Auditorium

South Africa has an extraordinarily rich flora. Many of its trees, shrubs and wildflowers are features of world horticulture. In this talk, **Elizabeth Scholtz** will feature South African plants in American gardens and greenhouses, and include some of South Africa's famous gardens, both public and private.

Elizabeth Scholtz, director emeritus of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, was born and educated in South Africa. A botanist, educator, and writer, Scholtz has been the recipient of horticulture's most prestigious awards. She leads garden tours all over the world, including the land of her birth. Program begins at 6:00pm, followed by light refreshments. Fee: $17. *Note: the McLean Library will remain open until 5:45 this evening.*

Lecture:

Sweet Time: Ten Years in a Garden
Wednesday, January 26, 6:00pm
PHS Auditorium

In 1988, **Starr Ockenga** and her husband, **Donald Forst**, purchased a parcel of neglected land in upstate New York and began to construct their dream garden. Today, their cluster of barn-like buildings, including a teahouse and studio/greenhouse complex, are surrounded by gardens: a terraced garden, a fall border, a gray border, a white garden, a gold garden, a woodland, and a vegetable parterre.

Starr Ockenga is a writer, photographer, designer, and educator. Her photographs and articles have appeared in many publications including *Life*, *Esquire*, *Victoria*, and *Horticulture*. She's written seven books, including her most recent, *Earth on Her Hands: The American Woman in Her Garden*, which has been awarded an American Horticultural Society's Annual Book Award for 1999. She operates a studio in New York City and gardens in upstate New York.

Program begins at 6:00pm, followed by light refreshments. Fee: $17. *Note: the McLean Library will remain open until 5:45 this evening.*

ACTIVITIES AND EVENT RESERVATIONS

Reservations, required for all PHS programs, may be made through the reservations form below. Fill out and mail to: **PHS Activities, attn: Sally Kutyla, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495.** Please include full payment. Reservations may also be made by phone. Call **215-988-8775 or 8869.** Please have your VISA or MasterCard ready. ***Confirmations for all events will be mailed, except for Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series.*** Travel directions will be mailed for events away from PHS.
Refunds and cancellations: If you withdraw from a registration event, the following fees will apply:
One-day Field Trips—$5 fee, provided the request is received at least 4 days before event. (No refund if less than 4 days.)
All Other Events—$3 fee, provided the request is received at least 2 days before event. (No refund if less than 2 days.)

Workshop: Easy Wreathmaking 12/7
Fee $53 _____ $48 Members _____

Workshop: Living Holiday Centerpiece 12/9
Fee $45 _____ $40 Members _____

Herbarium Visit 1/11
Members Only. Fee $15 _____

Wired Gardener: Part I 1/7
Fee $5 _____

Wired Gardener: Part II 1/13
Fee $5 _____

Gardens of South Africa 1/19
Fee $17 _____

Sweet Time: Ten Years in a Garden 1/26
Fee $17 _____

TOTAL: $ _____

1999 Garden Tours
I would like to receive an itinerary for the:
❒ Ireland Trip
❒ NY/CT Trip

NAME: _____ Member ID # _____
If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name. GUEST: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE: (day) _____ (evening) _____
Please provide your current phone number(s) so we may contact you if there are changes in scheduled activities.

METHOD OF PAYMENT:
❒ Check enclosed ❒ Please charge my VISA ❒ or MasterCard

Name as it appears on credit card _____
*Card number _____ Expiration _____
(*Please reserve credit card use for purchases over $10)

UPCOMING TRIPS

This holiday season, give a loved one the wonderful gift of travel. Sign up for one of PHS's trips to New York/Connecticut or Ireland.

Country Gardens in New York and Connecticut

June 19 - 22, 2000

Join us for a four-day trip by motorcoach to private country gardens in northeastern New York and northwestern Connecticut. The private gardens are located in very small "upstate" towns like the Lakeville/ Salisbury, CT area and in the vicinity of Millbrook/ Stanfordville, NY. Overnight accommodations will be in Lakeville. Betsy Gullan, PHS Membership manager, and Jean Lenehan of J. L. Tours will accompany the group.

PHS Travels to Ireland

July 5 - 18, 2000

After you've traveled to France or to New York/Connecticut, keep your bags packed and your camera ready for a two-week trip to Ireland, where the "soft climate" is responsible for some of the most varied gardens in Europe. Irish gardens reflect many styles, always taking advantage of the unique growing possibilities in the country.
In addition to private gardens, we'll see both natural and archeological structures and visit Inishmore, the amazing dry stone fort of DunAengus, the Burren, and the Cliffs of Moher. We'll travel from Galway in the west to Dublin in the east, staying at fascinating country house hotels, sampling the cuisine of superb Irish chefs, and visiting homes to experience friendly Irish hospitality first hand. Betsy Gullan, PHS Membership manager, and Jean Lenehan of J. L. Tours will accompany the group.

Itineraries for these trips are ready now. To receive your copy, check the appropriate box on the reservations form or call Members' Services at 215-988-8776 or 8832.

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PHS Hotline...

Q: Are poinsettias and other holiday plants poisonous?

A: Poinsettias are not poisonous, though their milky sap may cause skin irritation. Still, any "non-food" plant, if eaten, may cause digestive distress or more serious symptoms, depending on the amount consumed. Holiday plants that are poisonous and toxic, if ingested, include yew, mistletoe, and holly. Small children attracted to the shiny, red holly berries are especially at risk. Bulbs for winter forcing, such as amaryllis and paperwhite, are also poisonous, as are all parts of these plants. The Christmas cactus, on the other hand, is non-toxic and suitable for homes with small children.

The Hotline is closed for the month of December. Many thanks to our volunteers who answered more than 2,000 questions this year by phone, fax, email, and in person: *Barbara Allen, Caroline Amidon, Kathy Andersen, Sue Armstrong, Toni Brinton, Alice Doering, Elizabeth Farley, Tam Hartell, Louis Hood, Elise Payne, Lee Raden, Sandy Salkeld, Alan Slack, Irene Slater, John Swan, Mary Ann Thomas, Phyllis Weisman,* and *Mary Lou Wolfe.*

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The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

FLOWER SHOW FUTURAMA!

"An Indian Maharajah's Wedding," 1999 exhibit by Renny-The Perennial Farm.

The 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show will usher in the new century with a celebration of horticultural extravagance, and a vision of a greener and better tomorrow. This year's theme, "Gardens for the New Millennium," integrates horticulture into a livable environment. With a bit of nostalgia and whimsy, the Central Feature and its eclectic exhibits become living examples of horticulture in our future.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Philadelphia Green program is a big part of the Central Feature exhibit, thanks to its 25-year history of greening success in our urban neighborhoods. In the exhibit, the Philadelphia of today will be transformed into a futuristic "green community" with ingenious combinations of gardens, community, science, and culture. "When people enter the Philadelphia Green exhibit," says Show designer and director Ed Lindemann, "they'll actually be transported into a Philadelphia neighborhood 100 years into the future, in the Year 2100. Visitors will walk down a residential street and look at classic urban townhouses—each with a unique approach to 22nd-century living. One home may have a garden with organically grown vegetables, while another will have a small vineyard. And down the street are backyard ponds, an exercise center, and a space-age communications center."

Emphasizing the timeless beauty of horticulture, the Central Feature also looks back in time. Lamsback Floral Decorators will showcase two New Year's Eve parties from 1922 and 1945, and a New Year's Eve 2000 party in Philadelphia's City Hall. Ed adds, "We chose these years because of their historical significance—in 1922, King Tut's tomb was found; in 1945, there was a great celebration following the end of World War II; and in 2001, Philadelphia's City Hall, which is the largest municipal stone building in the world, will be 100 years old." Music and lighting will be used for dramatic effects to capture the feel of each period.

But the most outrageous exhibit to be produced by Renny-The Perennial Farm, which resembles something straight out of a sci-fi movie, will amaze and thrill Showgoers with its light show, New Age sounds, and interestingly shaped plants and striking foliage. "We don't want people to feel as though they're confined within an exhibit," says Ed. "What we want is for them to experience a space where there are no limits to how plants can grow and affect us."

The 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show will take place March 5-12 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center (12th & Arch Streets). For more information, call 215-988-8800 or visit us at *www.philaflowershow.com.*

—Pamela Vu

Lambsback Floral Decorators' 1999 exhibit, "Estate of Minds."

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Looking Ahead to Flower Show 2000

With this Newsletter, all of us on staff wish our members the very best for the New Year - and for the new Century.

Flower Show 2000 has been front and center for staff and volunteers for several months, but now that the holidays are over, with only a few weeks until opening day, we will be hustling double time. In greenhouses around the Greater Philadelphia Region, plants are being coaxed to show their colors well ahead of season, while at PHS we are putting the finishing touches on not only traditional Show events, but also on a host of new Show activities.

Last year was the debut of the **American Gardener's Backyard** in the beautifully restored Grand Hall. This year, the Backyard will be expanded to include additional stations where visitors can receive one-on-one consultation on a myriad of gardening topics and a stage where our experts will offer short demonstrations. Look for the following partners and others to participate in this year's Backyard: Bartlett Tree Expert Company, Burpee Seed Company, Etera Perennials, and Four Seasons Greenhouses. ARAMARK will also join the Backyard fun with a wonderful picnic area and food incorporated into the overall Backyard design.

Over the years, in Show surveys, we have found that our visitors are not only enthusiastic gardeners, but also avid readers. At last year's Show, we entertained representatives from Barnes & Noble, who we thought could do a terrific job of creating a **Flower Show Book Fair** well aligned to the tastes and desires of our visitors. After lots of discussion, our wish has come true. Look for the Book Fair on the Bridge between the Main Exhibition Hall and the Grand Hall. Here you will be able to purchase some of those mouthwatering titles for '00 and chat with noted authors. And remember, a percentage of each purchase will go towards our community programs.

We also look forward to the return of our warm and wonderful volunteers to the **Flower Show Shoppe**, which will be adjacent to the Central Feature. In addition to a colorful array of t-shirts, tote bags, sweatshirts, and mugs, says Merchandising manager Rosemary McGeary, look for pieces made especially for PHS, including children's items. Anne Kellett will be organizing a team of volunteers to handle sales, inventory stocking, and other Shoppe responsibilities. We would love you to help. If you are interested, please contact Merchandising assistant Shani Risien through the information listed on page 3.

As a PHS member, be sure to take advantage of the **Flower Show Members' Lounge**. In this wonderful peaceful oasis (on the Bridge near the Show entrance), fellow members will welcome you with coffee and comfortable chairs.

Finally, I'd like to thank all volunteers and exhibitors for helping us put on a spectacular Show year after year. In this issue of the *News* you will find the names of the volunteers who serve on our Show committees. To all of you we say many, many thanks as well as to our whole cadre of volunteers, 3,500 in total, who make the Show happen. We are most grateful for all your support and in the February *News* we will provide you with a list of another group of wonderful supporters, our major exhibitors.

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
President

Gold Medal Plant Profile

Ilex Verticillata 'Sparkleberry'

Ilex 'Sparkleberry' is a deciduous holly, laden with glossy red berries that often last until late winter. Growing to 12' in about 15 years with a 12' spread, 'Sparkleberry' can tolerate sun or partial shade and performs best in rich, well-drained soil. The foliage is trouble free and suffers from no major pest and disease problems. *Ilex* 'Apollo' is the male pollinator. Given its handsome berries during fall and winter, its hardiness (Zones 5-9), and its tolerance to moist and dry conditions, 'Sparkleberry' won the distinction as one of PHS's Gold Medal Plants in 1988.

'Party for the Parks' Honors Philadelphia Green Volunteers

After a year of hard work and devotion, Philadelphia Green's Parks volunteers had good reason to celebrate. The third annual 'Party for the Parks,' held in the Mayor's Reception Room in City Hall in December, honored volunteer leaders from nine Philadelphia Parks and celebrated the importance of urban parks as vibrant centers of community activity.

"I'll be telling them about Philadelphia wherever I go," said guest speaker Charles Jordan, director of Parks and Recreation in Portland, Oregon, who praised Philadelphia for integrating the most diverse leadership he had seen in the urban greening movement across the country. He also spoke about the importance of parks in cities, and stressed the connection between community greening efforts and the creation of safe, healthy neighborhoods for our youth.

More than 175 people attended the event, including Mayor Ed Rendell, PHS's Executive Vice President Blaine Bonham, and Councilman Michael Nutter.

Through grants from The William Penn Foundation and the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, Philadelphia Green has worked closely with volunteers, community groups, residents, and the Department of Recreation to improve and beautify nine urban parks, provide small grants to volunteer park groups, and involve youth in recreational and environmental programs that encourage park revitalization, and preservation.

In The Spotlight: Walt Fisher

Walt Fisher's interest in gardening began 25 years ago, when he and his family visited the Harvest Show. "At first, it was the children who got excited about entering their fruits and vegetables in the youth section at the Show," said Walt. "But then my wife and I got interested and entered our fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Soon after, we thought we would try for the big time and looked into entering the Philadelphia Flower Show."

As the saying goes, the rest is history. Since then, Walt has served as Chair of the Flower Show Executive Committee and of the Harvest Show Committee, and as a judge for the City Gardens Contest, Junior Flower Show, and Harvest Show.

With this year's Flower Show right around the corner, Walt is busily preparing for the competitive classes. His specialty—forcing bulbs. "I've planted 130 pots for the Collection Class," enthused Walt. "All together there are 30 different kinds of bulbs, half of which I've never grown before. This year, for the first time I'm planting *Fritillaria.* I'll store the pots in a cold frame, bury them in my garden, or keep them in my walk-in fridge in the basement for about 15 weeks," said Walt in the fall. "Just before the Show, I'll force them either on a windowsill or on a ping-pong table under lights."

Like most entrants, Walt has his own stories about the drama leading up to 'judgment' day. He adds, "One year, WHYY had interviewed me at home, as part of a program they were doing on the Flower Show. As a follow-up, they came with me to the Show on the day of judging. Well it turns out that as I was driving, I made a sharp turn and all the pots in the back of my car fell over. Things were tossed around and turned every which way. Needless to say they caught me on tape in my moment of anguish with some words not suitable for family viewing!"

Walt did manage to take the disaster in stride, however, and offered this bit of advice for a winning exhibit: "The secret to successful forcing is knowing when to initiate the dormant period and when to bring the pots indoors. For Flower Show competitors, the goal is to bloom at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning during judging."

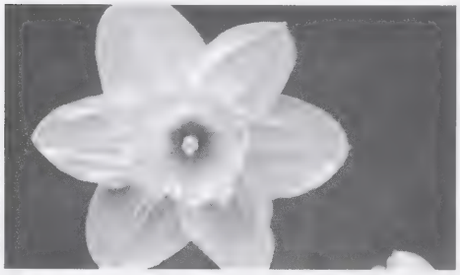

Photo: Pete Prown

Farewell to Kitty

In November, PHS lost a dear friend when Kitty Lapp died at 94. An avid gardener who specialized in daffodils, Kitty was a PHS member and volunteer for more than half a century. Even in her late 80s, Kitty would hop on the train (which made a special stop just beyond her garden in Hatboro, PA) to help us make the garden beautiful outside our old building at 325 Walnut Street. Other times, she volunteered for the Library, at our Shows, and on special committees. Watch the News for details on an upcoming April planting in the Azalea Garden in Kitty's memory.

Membership on the Move

The Membership Office has relocated to the 5th floor at PHS headquarters to join their colleagues in the Development Office. We hope you will visit us in our new surroundings.

Membership and development staff can be reached at our current telephone numbers. If your membership renewal is pending, please start the New Year by renewing promptly to ensure timely delivery of your 2000 Flower Show tickets. If you choose to renew by credit card via phone, fax or on-line (*www.libertynet.org/phs*), you will save PHS administrative expenses and your membership dues can be put to work right away. And yes, the Membership Office is Y2K ready!

The new membership fax is the same as the main PHS fax: 215-988-8810. If you have questions about your membership, please call Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 8832.

Gardens for the New Millennium

Volunteer at the 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show

Join us at the Pennsylvania Convention Center as a behind-the-scenes volunteer from March 4-12, 2000. If you would like to help, check the areas that interest you and return this form to **Betty Greene** at **PHS, 100 N. 20th Street-2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495**, or call 215-988-8826, or email: *bgreene@pennhort.org*. If you have specific questions about a job, please contact the person listed.

❒ **Flower Show Shoppe**—We look forward to the return of our warm and wonderful volunteers to PHS' merchandise boutique in the 2000 Flower Show. If you love people and enjoy selling, we hope you will volunteer to work with Anne Kellett, chair of the Volunteers for the Shoppe. We need you especially for sales and service, checking and marking, Shoppe set-up and inventory. For details, please contact Shani Risien, Merchandising assistant at 215-988-1613, or fax 215-988-8810, or email: *srisien@pennhort.org.*

❒ **Membership**—If you enjoy talking with people and are enthusiastic about selling memberships at the 2000 Flower Show, we'd like to have you with us.

❒ **Members' Lounge**—We invite warm, welcoming individuals to serve as ambassadors of PHS in the Members' Lounge. For more information on selling memberships and working in the Members' Lounge, call Membership at 215-988-8778, or email: *bgullan@pennhort.org.*

❒ **Infonet**—Welcome and direct visitors to the Flower Show, help with the phone bank, serve as Show floor or Concourse ambassador, or work an information booth. Interested? Please call Betty Greene at 215-988-8826, or email: *bgreene@pennhort.org* for more information.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Phone (Day)

To all of you who have already signed on to work at the Show, we offer our heartfelt thanks and look forward to another spectacular Show!

Wagner Free Institute of Science Courses

PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science have come together again to co-sponsor two free 6-week courses. Both will be held at the PHS offices, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495. The courses, **Plant Symbioses** and **Rare and Endangered Plants of the Philadelphia Region**, are free and open to the public. Owing to space limitations, however, pre-registration is required. To pre-register, please call 215-763-6529, ext. 23. For more information on the courses, contact Susan Glassman at 215-763-6529, ext. 14. When you pre-register, ask for a catalog or a reading list.

Plant Symbioses
Monday, January 24 - Monday, February 28, 2000, 7 pm
Plants form an amazing range of associations with other organisms. This mini-course will examine the variety of symbiotic relationships with bacteria, fungi, animals and other plants and will put each in the context of plant adaptation and survival. Instructor will be Karen Snetselaar, Professor in the Biology Department of St. Joseph's University.

Rare and Endangered Plants of the Philadelphia Region

Monday, March 27 - Monday May 1, 2000, 7 pm
The course will discuss rare plants that grow in the Delaware Estuary, the New Jersey Pine Barrens, Fairmount Park, and other places near Philadelphia. The class will learn about the characteristics of the plants, their habitats, and factors that have positive and negative affects on their survival. Dr. Schuyler, Associate Curator, Academy of Natural Sciences and Director of Research, Henry Foundation for Botanical Research will be the lecturer.**Tree**

Tree Insects and Disease
Wednesday, February 9, 2000, 6:30-8:30pm
PHS Auditorium
When it comes to tree care, what should you look for? Learn about tree pests, diseases, and environmental problems. Anthracnose, bacterial scorch, and the Asian Longhorn beetle are just a few of the offenders to be discussed. Lisa Blum, Dept. Manager of Landscape Architecture & Horticulture at Temple Ambler, will be the speaker. Refreshments will be served. *Free.* Please RSVP to Dawn Johns by Monday, February 7th at 215-988-8845.

Orchid lovers want to escape the winter blues? The King of Prussia Mall from February 10 - 13 will be the perfect place to be. The Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society (SEPOS) will hold its annual show on the first floor of the mall. A special treat for PHS members—on Saturday, February 12, Michael Bowell, an accredited American Orchid Society judge, will lead a behind-the-scenes tour of the Show from 2 - 3pm.

Michael is owner of Create A Scene Gallery in Kimberton, PA, and has been an award-winning exhibitor at the Philadelphia Flower Show, Philadelphia Harvest Show, Chester County Flower, and other East coast orchid shows.

Admission to the show is free; the fee for the guided tour is $7. Group limit: 20. Pre-registration is required. See reservations form on page 7.

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Grateful thanks to all who will help us make this a wonderful Show. For a comprehensive listing of all PHS Committees look to the June/July 2000 issue of *PHS News*.

New Ideas for the New Millennium

Do you need some fresh ideas for planning your 'New Millennium' garden? The McLean Library has the following titles for sale. Prices are discounted and include sales tax.

With continuing concern over water use after last year's drought and water restrictions, *Xeriscape Handbook: A How-To Guide to Natural, Resource-Wise Gardening* by Gayle Weinstein (Fulcrum Publishing, 1999, $23), and *Xeriscape Plant Guide* with introduction by Rob Proctor (Fulcrum Publishing, 1996, $25), present water conservation options for the home gardener. The *Handbook* provides a step-by-step approach to creating a water-conserving, yet beautiful garden, and the *Guide* illustrates more than 100 water-wise plants.

• *The Explorer's Garden: Rare and Unusual Perennials* by Daniel J. Hinkley (Timber Press, 1999, $36) details cultivation advice for a wide range of garden-worthy perennials. Hinkley, whose Heronswood Nursery outside Seattle is known for top-quality plants, includes color photos to help gardeners make good choices for new plants.

• If your garden area wants to include spaces for children, *A Child's Garden: Enchanting Outdoor Spaces for Children and Parents* by Molly Dannenmaier (Simon & Schuster, 1998, $31.00) is an excellent guide. Included is safety information, ideas for hiding and climbing places, color photos, and resources.

• Are you looking for a change of pace in your garden? *The Homebrewer's Garden: How to Easily Grow, Prepare and Use Your Own Hops, Brewing Herbs, and Malts* by Joe and Dennis Fisher (Storey Books, 1998, $13) describes techniques and resources to guide you in planning the most unusual garden in your neighborhood.

• The primary reference for the 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show is *The American Horticultural Society A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants* (DK Publishing, 1997, $72). This comprehensive reference, with 6,000 color photos, contains detailed, cross-referenced descriptions of more than 15,000 plants.

For more information, call the Library at 215-988-8772, or email: *jalling@pennhort.org.*

Volunteer at the Gardener's Studio or Lectures & Demonstration Area at the 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show

We are looking for volunteers to greet and direct visitors to various presentations, assist exhibitors with transport of plants and supplies, monitor rooms for lectures, and set-up/clean-up for studio demonstrations on the Show floor.

To volunteer for the Gardener's Studio, call Mindy Maslin at 215-988-8844 or email: *mmaslin@pennhort.org.* For Lectures and Demonstrations, call Eileen Gallagher at 215-988-8880 or email: *egallagh@pennhort.org.*

UPCOMING TRIPS

This holiday season, give a friend the wonderful gift of travel. Sign up for one of PHS's trips to New York/Connecticut or Ireland.

Country Gardens in New York and Connecticut

June 19 - 22, 2000

Join us for a four-day trip by motorcoach to private country gardens in northeastern New York and northwestern Connecticut. The private gardens are located in very small "upstate" towns like the Lakeville/ Salisbury, CT area and in the vicinity of Millbrook/ Stanfordville, NY. Overnight accommodations will be in Lakeville.

PHS Travels to Ireland

July 5 - 18, 2000

After you've traveled to New York/Connecticut, keep your bags packed and your camera ready for a two-week trip to Ireland, where the "soft climate" is responsible for some of the most varied gardens in Europe. Irish gardens reflect many styles, always taking advantage of the unique growing possibilities in the country.

In addition to private gardens, we'll see both natural and archeological structures and visit Inishmore, the amazing dry stone fort of DunAengus, the Burren, and the Cliffs of Moher. We'll travel from Galway in the west to Dublin in the east, staying at fascinating country house hotels, sampling the cuisine of superb Irish chefs, and visiting homes to experience friendly Irish hospitality first hand.

Betsy Gullan, PHS Membership manager, and Jean Leneham of J.L. Tours will accompany the groups. To receive an itinerary, check the appropriate box on the reservations form (on page 7) or call Members' Services at 215-988-8776 or 8832.

Activities and Events

Herbarium Collections

Tuesday, January 11, 10 - Noon
The Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, PA

Join **Dr. Alfred Schuyler** for an introduction to the herbarium at the Academy. The diverse historical collections include plants from the Lewis and Clark expedition of the Northwest Territory, the second voyage of Captain Cook, and over 7,000 plant specimens collected by Mary Gibson Henry of Gladwyne.

The Acting Chair of the Academy's Botany Department and the Director of Research at the Henry Foundation, Dr. Schuyler will discuss the importance of herbarium specimens and their preservation. Travel and parking directions will be mailed upon registration. Program limit: 15. Fee: $15. Members only.

Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series:

The Wired Gardener, Part I: Mining the Web for Gardening Resources
Friday, January 7, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

There's a whole world of gardening information on the World Wide Web. Do you know where to find it? Join PHS librarian and web navigator **Janet Evans** for an overview of gardening resources on the web. In this lecture/demonstration you will be introduced to web and browser basics, and learn how to quickly find gardening websites.

The Wired Gardener, Part II: Gardening Resources for the Mid-Atlantic Gardener
Thursday, January 13, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

Now that you've mastered the basics, discover the best online resources for Zones 5-7 gardeners. Janet will show you how to research the plants that will grow in your backyard; find out about local gardening happenings; and learn where to shop, where to take gardening classes, and more! For both sessions, please bring a bag lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5 per session.

Lecture:

South Africa: Its Plants and Gardens
Wednesday, January 19, 6:00pm
PHS Auditorium

South Africa has an extraordinarily rich flora. Many of its trees, shrubs and wildflowers are features of world horticulture. In this talk, **Elizabeth Scholtz** will feature South African plants in American gardens and greenhouses, and include some of South Africa's famous gardens, both public and private.

Elizabeth Scholtz, director emeritus of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, was born and educated in South Africa. A botanist, educator, and writer, Scholtz has been the recipient of horticulture's most prestigious awards. She leads garden tours all over the world, including the land of her birth. Program begins at 6:00pm, followed by light refreshments. Fee: $17. *Note: the McLean Library will remain open until 5:45 this evening.*

Lecture:

Sweet Time: Ten Years in a Garden
Wednesday, January 26, 6:00pm
PHS Auditorium

In 1988, **Starr Ockenga** and her husband, **Donald Forst**, purchased a parcel of neglected land in upstate New York and began to construct their dream garden. Today, their cluster of barn-like buildings, including a teahouse and studio/greenhouse complex, are surrounded by gardens: a terraced garden, a fall border, a gray border, a white garden, a gold garden, a woodland, and a vegetable parterre.

Starr Ockenga is a writer, photographer, designer, and educator. She operates a studio in New York City and gardens in upstate New York.

Program begins at 6:00pm, followed by light refreshments. Fee: $17. *Note: the McLean Library will remain open until 5:45 this evening.*

The Botanical Discoveries of Mary Gibson Henry

Tuesday, February 8, 5:30 - 7:00pm
PHS McLean Library

Mary Gibson Henry of Gladwyne, PA, was a plant explorer who made many important botanical discoveries. Frequently traveling to unmapped parts of British Columbia in the 1930s and, later, remote parts of the southern United States, Mary Henry collected superior forms of known and unknown plants. In 1949, she founded the Henry Foundation for Botanical Research, which is dedicated to the collection and preservation of choice American native plants. In many ways, Mary Henry's work is reminiscent of what John and William Bartram did nearly 200 years earlier.

Join **Dr. Alfred E. Schuyler**, director of research at the Henry Foundation and acting chair of botany at The Academy of Natural Sciences, for an evening dedicated to the remarkable discoveries of Mary Gibson Henry. Fee: $15 nonmembers; $12 members. *Note: this evening, the PHS McLean Library will be open only to registrants for this program.*

Lecture: Art, Ecology and the Wild Garden

Thursday, February 10, 6:00pm
PHS Auditorium

C. Colston Burrell will explore ecological design principles in creating gardens of the highest artistic merit. He will present the work of designers who have created ecologically appropriate, personal gardens that are evocative of the local landscape, utilize both native and exotic flora, and have the playfulness of inspired artistic design.

C. Colston Burrell is a garden designer, award winning author, photographer, naturalist and teacher. He is principal of Native Landscape Design and Restoration. Two of the books he has authored, *Perennial Combinations* and *A Gardener's Encyclopedia of Wildflowers*, will be available for purchase and signing this evening. Program is followed by a book signing and light refreshments in the McLean Library. Fee: $17. *Note: the PHS McLean Library will be open before and after this evening's lecture.*

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Heirloom Roses in the Herb Garden

Monday, February 14, Noon - 1:00pm
PHS Auditorium

Join us for a Valentine's Day program on heirloom roses with **Reverend Douglas Seidel**, rescuer of heirloom rose varieties and advisor to the Center for Historic Plants at Monticello. Reverend Seidel will discuss the most fragrant and practical historic roses for inclusion in today's herb gardens; cream of the crop damasks, fabled for their scent since Greco-Roman times; and the Gallica roses, upon

ACTIVITIES AND EVENT RESERVATIONS

Reservations, required for all PHS programs, may be made through the reservations form below. Fill out and mail to: **PHS Activities, attn: Sally Kutyla, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495.** Please include full payment. Reservations may also be made by phone. Call **215-988-8775 or 8869**. Please have your VISA or MasterCard ready. ***Confirmations for all events will be mailed, except for Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series.*** Travel directions will be mailed for events away from PHS.
Refunds and cancellations: If you withdraw from a registration event, the following fees will apply:
One-day Field Trips—$5 fee, provided the request is received at least 4 days before event. (No refund if less than 4 days.)
All Other Events—$3 fee, provided the request is received at least 2 days before event. (No refund if less than 2 days.)

Herbarium Visit 1/11
Members Only. Fee $15 _____

Wired Gardener: Part I 1/7
Fee $5 _____

Wired Gardener: Part II 1/13
Fee $5 _____

Gardens of South Africa 1/19
Fee $17 _____

Sweet Time: Ten Years in a Garden 1/26
Fee $17 _____

Mary Henry's Discoveries 2/8
Fee $15 _____
$12 Members _____

Lecture: Art, Ecology, and the Wild Garden 2/10
Fee $17 _____

Heirloom Roses 2/14
Fee $5 _____

Growing Orchids in a Greenhouse 2/19
Fee $18 _____
$15 Members _____

Celebrating the Winter Garden 2/26
Members Only. Fee $30 _____

TOTAL: $ _____

1999 Garden Tours I would like to receive an itinerary for the:
❒ NY/CT Trip ❒ Ireland Trip

Elsewhere
Guided Tour: SEPOS Show 2/12/00
Members only. Fee $7 _____

NAME: _____ Member ID # _____
If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name. GUEST: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
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Please provide your current phone number(s) so we may contact you if there are changes in scheduled activities.

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(*Please reserve credit card use for purchases over $10)

which a whole industry of fragrance and herbal uses was developed during the Middle Ages.

Reverend Seidel's story was chronicled in Thomas Christopher's 1989 bestseller, *In Search of Old Roses.* Please bring a bag lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

Growing Orchids in a Greenhouse

Saturday, February 19, 10:00am - Noon
Tabernacle, NJ

Nestled in the woods near Medford, NJ, **Nancy** and **Joe Volpe's** greenhouses contain nearly 800 orchids. Phalaenopsis, phragmipedium, cattleya and paphiopedilum thrive in the greenhouses built by the owners. As our visit will be in the middle of the "orchid show season", Nancy will also offer pointers on how to exhibit orchids successfully.

Joe will answer questions about construction of the greenhouse and the systems he has designed. The Volpes are active in a number of orchid societies including the American Orchid Society and three South Jersey orchid societies, frequently showing and winning awards for their orchids. Program limit: 15. Fee: $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

Workshop: Celebrating the Winter Garden and Preparing for Spring

Saturday, February 26, 10:00am - 2:00pm
Bryn Mawr, PA

Fran Sorin, garden designer and writer, will take us on a tour of her winter garden situated on a half acre of steeply sloping land. Fran will discuss how to assess a garden's strengths and weaknesses during this season, as well as appreciate the natural beauty of the garden in winter. After our outdoor tour, we'll retreat to Fran's country kitchen for a hearty lunch and lively gardening conversation. Following lunch, we'll discuss ways to maximize "downtime" in the garden, and take part in a hands-on project to help get a jump on spring.

Fran Sorin's garden has been on numerous garden tours. She is the gardening expert for The Weekend TODAY Show and appears on DISCOVERY and HGTV. Fee of $30 includes program and lunch. Program limit: 15. Members only.

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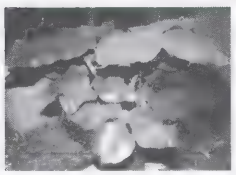

Q: Why is my houseplant wilting?

A: Wilting usually means that a houseplant needs watering, but it may also be due to overwatering. Soil that is too wet will cause root problems, and the plant will begin to droop. Water plants when the soil just below the surface feels dry to the touch. Using room temperature water, fill the plant container to the rim and allow water to drain from the drainage holes at the bottom. If your container has a saucer, empty any standing water after a few minutes. During the winter months, wilting and leaf drop may also be caused by low humidity in your home. Instead of misting plants with a spray bottle (which may cause bacterial infection if the leaves remain wet), try grouping houseplants on a shallow tray of pebbles. Add only enough water to the tray so that the pots are not sitting in the water. Finally, situate your plants away from hot air vents.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

2000 Philadelphia Flower Show: Special Events & Visitor Tips

Have fun and learn at the same time. Attend the special events offered at the Philadelphia Flower Show (March 5-12, 2000 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center), all under the umbrella of **The American Gardener Series of Special Events**.

- Talented gardeners and culinary experts from across the nation will participate in lively free lectures, seminars, workshops held daily along with interactive displays in the **American Gardener's Backyard**.
- New this year is the **Barnes & Noble Flower Show Book Fair**. America's most noted gardening gurus, along with participating lecturers at the Show, will be on hand to meet you and sign books. Look for the Book Fair on the Bridge between the Main Exhibition Hall and the Grand Hall. And remember, a percentage of each Book Fair purchase will go towards PHS's outreach programs.
- Due to popular demand, **Afternoon Tea at the Flower Show** will be offered twice daily at 12:30 and at 3:45pm (cost is $23, in addition to the price of admission to the Show). Sample delicious crumpets and cakes, and the finest imported teas in an elegant setting. For reservations, please call Barbara Grinspan at 215-988-8837 or go on-line at *www.philaflowershow.com.*
- Visit **The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Great Gardener's Events**—including the free daily presentations in our *Lecture Series* and demonstrations at the two *Gardener's Studio* on the Show floor.
- Pick up a free copy of the **Show Floor Plan** and the **Daily Schedule** of events in the American Gardener Series at the Information Booths.
- Explore Philadelphia and take advantage of special Flower Show Week offers at Philadelphia's restaurants, shops, theaters, gardens, and hotels. Present your **Bloomin' Fun Pass** to participating establishments and receive special offer or discounts. Pick up a Bloomin' Fun Pass brochure at the visitor center, at PHS, at any of the Show's Information Booths, or download special offers and more through our website at *www.philaflowershow.com.*

Flower Show Shoppe

If you love people and really enjoy selling, we hope you will volunteer to work with Anne Kellett, chair of the Volunteers for the **Flower Show Shoppe**. We need you especially for sales and service, checking and marking, Shoppe set-up and inventory. For details, contact Shani Risien, Merchandising assistant at 215-988-1613, or fax 215-988-8810, or email: *srisien@pennhort.com.*

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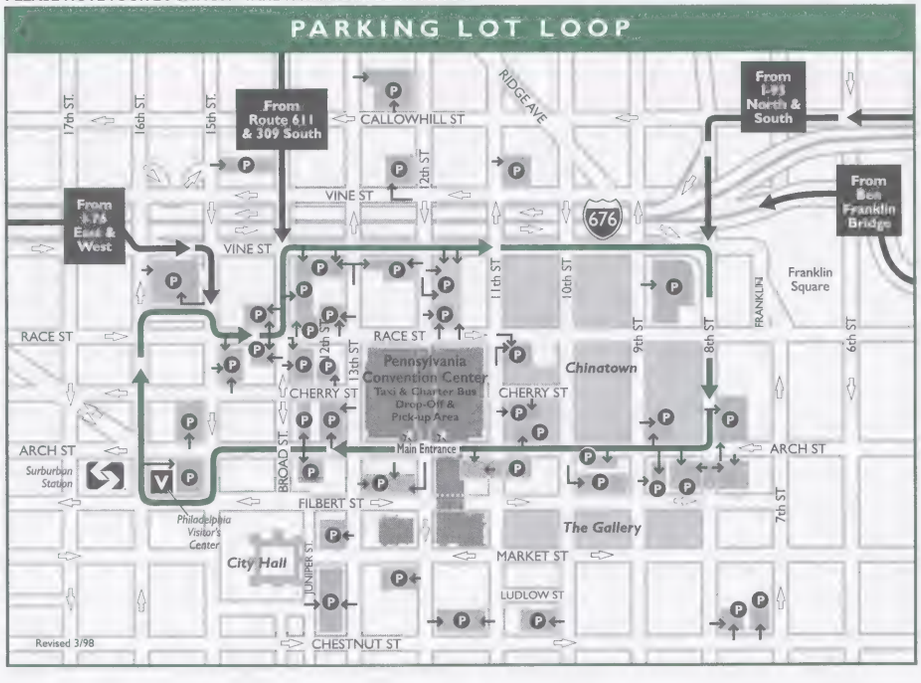

P is for parking lot...Free rides on The Flower Show Shuttle will carry visitors from stops convenient to most lots. The Shuttle runs Monday 3/6-Friday 3/10, from 6:15am until 10:45pm. And on Saturday 3/4, Sunday 3/5, Saturday 3/11, & Sunday 3/12, from 5:30am until 10:45pm.

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A Community Garden Thinking Outside the Bed

In our city of wonderful community gardens, Aspen Farms has played a star role in the Philadelphia Green program for several decades. To some it would be enough that 44 families garden here; for others it's much more. It's about the role the garden plays in the community, its dedicated leadership, and its physical assets — the mural, the central gazebo and the fishponds.

To understand Aspen Farms, located at 49th and Aspen in West Philadelphia, is to appreciate the inspiration of Esther Williams, who started the garden in 1975 under the sponsorship of PHS's community gardening program, the forerunner of Philadelphia Green. A few years later, Hayward Ford helped out a sick friend by tending her garden for the summer. "That" says Ford, "was my first mistake," but to the rest of us, Ford's arrival in the garden was a huge bonus because he has not only encouraged the gardeners to make a place of beauty in the neighborhood, he has also added another dimension to the term "community garden."

In the late '80s, Ford came to know Anne Spirn, at that time head of the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania. As part of a partnership involving Philadelphia Green and Penn, students had the opportunity to bring their thoughts on design to a community garden. More than a dozen students lived for a weekend with neighbors in the area surrounding Aspen Farms, learning about community greening and the role gardens can play in neighborhoods.

Subsequently, the students presented their designs to representatives in the community, to Penn professors, and to Philadelphia Green staff members. The winning design, one that had been reworked following extensive conversation with the gardeners, included a central meeting area with benches, a gazebo, and communal perennial beds. Philadelphia Green staff and crew then set to work with the gardeners to turn the winning design into reality.

By the time this project was under construction, Ford and Spirn had become fast friends. Their conversations often revolved around the future of the garden and the existing "disconnect" between the gardeners in the neighborhood (whose children and grandchildren mostly live in other neighborhoods or other cities) and the children in the local schools. Because of this, Ford, convinced the gardeners at Aspen Farms to assign a plot to students from the Sulzberger Middle School.

Quickly, Ford found that "digging in the dirt" only held the students' interest for a short time, so he decided to become more ambitious. With help from Spirn and staff at Philadelphia Green, Ford prepared a proposal for the Philadelphia Urban Resources Partnership (PURP) to build several additional communal gardens at Aspen Farms, including a butterfly garden and a series of ponds. One summer, Ford attended a pond course at Longwood Gardens, then with his grant approved from PURP, during the summers of 1997 and 1998, Ford and other community gardeners, students and teachers built the ponds.

Last summer, Ford put the finishing touches on the ponds with help from Philadelphia Green and also enjoyed watching the repainting of the Aspen Farms mural. Created by the Philadelphia Mural Arts program, the mural is a wonderful backdrop for the garden—and hard to describe. So next summer, take a trip to 49th and Aspen and enjoy not only the garden, but also the special place this garden holds in our necklace of community gardens around Philadelphia.

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
President

Irish gardens reflect many styles, always taking advantage of the unique growing possibilities in the country. In addition to private gardens, we'll see both natural and archeological structures and visit Inishmore, the amazing dry stone fort of DunAengus, the Burren, and the Cliffs of Moher. We'll travel from Galway in the west to Dublin in the east, staying at fascinating country house hotels, sampling the cuisine of Irish chefs, and visiting homes to experience friendly Irish hospitality first hand.

Betsy Gullan, PHS Membership manager, and Jean Lenehan of J.L. Tours will accompany the groups. To receive an itinerary, check the appropriate box on the reservations form (on page 6) or call Members' Services at 215-988-8776 or 8832.

In The Spotlight: Sylvia Lin

Noted for her sculpture-like cacti and hanging baskets of succulents and delicate hand-painted begonias, Sylvia Lin's name must be familiar to anyone who has visited the "horticourt" at the Philadelphia Flower Show during the past 22 years. Is it obvious that Sylvia loves to exhibit? She associates winning her first honorable mention award with her daughter's sixteenth birthday. "You'd have thought we won the lottery. Nothing can ever surpass the thrill of my first ribbon," she reflects.

Sylvia cultivates two major plant collections. Most of her succulents spend the winter in a cool glass sunroom at the summer home in Avalon, New Jersey, where the night temperature is maintained at 55 F and the daytime temperature often reaches 80 F. These plants survive on "benign neglect" with Sylvia visiting about every week or two through winter. Her begonias, ferns, and the balance of cacti and succulents are housed in her small greenhouse. Sylvia also grows some plants under lights.

Sylvia primarily grows little hanging baskets of begonias and succulents, and she finds that a wire basket lined with sheet moss provides the perfect, well-drained environment for her small treasures. Sylvia also cultivates in "bubbles"—glass terrariums that are home to her most unusual and difficult begonias, including *Begonia prismatocarpa*, *Begonia prismatocarpa* 'Variegation' and *Begonia bogneri* (which, with its unusual blade-like foliage, "looks like grass"). Her latest interest is in the winter growing pelargoniums known for their striking foliage. A member of the Old York Road and Wissahickon Garden Clubs, Sylvia advises novices to "read as much as you can about the plants that interest you, talk to exhibitors, find out the cultural requirements, and be patient." Sylvia does not consider herself to be an exceptional grower, but rather a 'nurturer.' She notes, "I'm a mother and a nurse. I took care of kids, patients...and now plants."

—Judith C. McKeon

Each year, more than one-thousand visitors enjoy early morning tours at the Philadelphia Flower Show. To all our early bird tour guides, thank you for being our goodwill ambassadors to the Philadelphia Flower Show. Special thanks to co-chairs **Alice Doering** *and* **Cynthia Cheston**, *and vice-chairs* **Mary Jo Strawbridge** *and* **Margaret Wallis** *for training and organizing the tour guides.*

PHS Hotline...

Q: How do I force cut branches to bloom?

A: Spring flowering trees and shrubs can be forced to bloom one to two months before their normal bloom time. At this time of year, the flower buds are already formed and can be forced by creating a spring-like environment in your home. Using a sharp pruning tool, cut branches that have many buds, being careful not to leave excessive stubs. In addition to the Flower Show favorite, forsythia, other plants that can be forced include azalea, spirea, flowering cherry, peach, and plum. The dry, warm air in the house may cause the buds to dry up and never open. To help water absorption, crush the stems with a hammer and place them in water to which you may add a floral preservative. A cool, brightly lit room is the best location for forcing; avoid direct sunlight. Use the forced branches in arrangements, or simply display them in a tall container. Plant rooted stems outdoors when the soil has warmed.

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Activities and Events

The Botanical Discoveries of Mary Gibson Henry

Tuesday, February 8, 5:30 - 7:00pm—PHS McLean Library

Mary Gibson Henry of Gladwyne, PA, was a plant explorer who made many important botanical discoveries. In 1949, she founded the Henry Foundation for Botanical Research, which is dedicated to the collection and preservation of choice American native plants.

Join **Dr. Alfred E. Schuyler**, director of research at the Henry Foundation and acting chair of botany at The Academy of Natural Sciences, for an evening dedicated to the remarkable discoveries of Mary Gibson Henry. Fee: $15 nonmembers; $12 members. *Note: this evening, the PHS McLean Library will be open only to registrants for this program.*

Lecture: Art, Ecology and the Wild Garden

Thursday, February 10, 6:00pm—PHS Auditorium

C. Colston Burrell will explore ecological design principles in creating gardens of the highest artistic merit. He will present the work of designers who have created ecologically appropriate, personal gardens that are evocative of the local landscape, utilize both native and exotic flora, and have the playfulness of inspired artistic design.

C. Colston Burrell is a garden designer, award winning author, photographer, naturalist and teacher. Program is followed by a book signing and light refreshments in the McLean Library. Fee: $17. *Note: the PHS McLean Library will be open before and after this evening's lecture.*

Orchid Lovers Escape the Winter Blues

Thursday-Sunday, February 10-13—King of Prussia Mall

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society (SEPOS) will hold its annual show on the first floor of the mall. A special treat for PHS members—on **Saturday, February 12**, **Michael Bowell**, owner of Create a Scene Gallery in Kimberton, will lead a behind-the-scenes tour of the show from 2-3pm. Admission to the show is free; the fee for the guided tour is $7. Group limit: 20. Members Only.

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Heirloom Roses in the Herb Garden

Monday, February 14, Noon - 1:00pm—PHS Auditorium

Reverend Douglas Seidel, rescuer of heirloom rose varieties and advisor to the Center for Historic Plants at Monticello, will discuss the most fragrant and practical historic roses for inclusion in today's herb gardens; cream of the crop damasks, fabled for their scent since Greco-Roman times; and the Gallica roses, upon which a whole industry of fragrance and herbal uses was developed during the Middle Ages. Please bring a bag lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

Growing Orchids in a Greenhouse

Saturday, February 19, 10:00am - Noon—Tabernacle, NJ

Nestled in the woods near Medford, NJ, **Nancy** and **Joe Volpe's** greenhouses contain nearly 800 orchids. Phalaenopsis, phragmipedium, cattleya and paphiopedilum thrive in the greenhouses built by the owners. As our visit will be in the middle of the "orchid show season", Nancy will also offer pointers on how to exhibit orchids successfully. Joe will answer questions about construction of the greenhouse and the systems he has designed. Program limit: 15. Fee: $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

Workshop: Celebrating the Winter Garden and Preparing for Spring

Saturday, February 26, 10:00am - 2:00pm—Bryn Mawr, PA

Fran Sorin, garden designer and writer, will take us on a tour of her winter garden situated on a half acre of steeply sloping land. Fran will discuss how to assess a garden's strengths and weaknesses during this season, as well as appreciate the natural beauty of the garden in winter. After our outdoor tour, we'll retreat to Fran's country kitchen for a hearty lunch and lively gardening conversation. Following lunch, we'll discuss ways to maximize "downtime" in the garden, and take part in a hands-on project to help get a jump on spring. Fran Sorin's garden has been on numerous garden tours. Fee of $30 includes program and lunch. Program limit: 15. Members only.

Creating Better Images

Photography Workshop, Two-Part Class

Saturday, March 18, 1:00 - 5:00pm & Sunday, March 19, 8:00am - 5:00pm—Tyler Arboretum, Media, PA

Bob Lyons, professor of Horticultural Science and director of the J.C. Raulston Arboretum at North Carolina State University, will conduct a two-part photography workshop at Tyler Arboretum. Students will receive classroom instruction on equipment basics, effects of different film types, elements of composition, impact of natural light, and some tricks of the trade used by professional photographers.

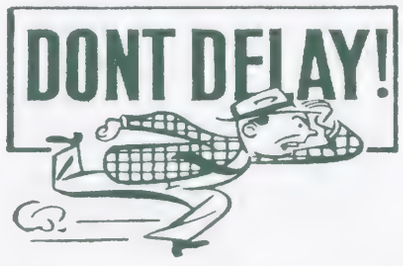
The class will then move outdoors, where students will shoot two rolls of film. During the lunch break on Sunday, the film will be developed and returned to class for an anonymous critiquing session in the afternoon. Program limit: 25. Fee: $115 nonmembers; $100 for PHS and Tyler Arboretum members. Fee includes instruction, film and processing. Students must bring a 35mm camera. **To register, please call Tyler Arboretum: 610-566-9134 ext.212.**

Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series: Orchids for Your Windowsill

Wednesday, March 22, Noon - 1:00pm—PHS Auditorium

Michael Bowell began his orchid-growing career in an apartment. Before Michael's tropical jungle outgrew his apartment, he mastered the art of making the most of available and supplemental light to grow prize-winning orchids. In this lunchtime program, he'll cover the basic requirements for successfully growing different types of orchids on windowsills and under lights. Michael Bowell is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. Please bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

An added treat—Michael Bowell will lead a guided tour of his greenhouse and garden in Malvern on **Thursday, April 6, 10am to noon**. Following the tour, attendees are invited to visit Create A Scene Gallery in nearby Kimberton. Group limit: 20. Members only. Fee: $15.



Workshop: Botanical Drawing with Colored Pencils

Thursday and Friday, March 23 & 24, 10:00am - 3:00pm
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Interpret live flowers, fruits and vegetables with the versatile medium of colored pencils. The emphasis of this two-day workshop with **Eileen Rosen** is on drawing and form. Specific techniques will be taught to create rich, glowing, and realistic results.

Instruction based on individual needs; beginners are welcome. A materials list will be mailed upon registration. Please bring a lunch. This is a two-day class; students cannot miss the first class. Program limit: 15. Fee: $95 nonmembers; $90 members.

Propagating Perennials

Wednesday, March 29, 10:00am - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Learn how to increase the supply of your favorite perennials. **John Story**, general manager of Meadowbrook Farm, will give an overview of the theories and techniques for propagating perennials in the spring. Story will demonstrate the three most common methods of propagation: stem cuttings, root cuttings, and root division, as well as explain how to determine the appropriate timing and method for your plants. Students will have hands-on instruction and propagate plants to take home. Fee: $29 nonmembers; $24 members.

Workshop: Botanical Illustration

6 Sessions, Thursdays, March 30, April 6, 13, 20, May 4 and 11
12:30 - 3:30pm—Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Botanical illustrator **Louisa Rawle Tiné** will teach this six-session course in botanical watercolor. The emphasis is on realistic portrayal of botanical subjects and traditional methods of dry brush watercolor painting. Each week we will discuss, draw, and paint a different plant. Instruction is highly individualized and geared for students with some art background or previous experience in botanical illustration.

Louisa Rawle Tiné has worked as a professional artist and illustrator for 30 years in commercial and fine arts. A materials list will be mailed upon registration. Members only. Fee: $180. *Note: no class on April 27.*

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE 2000 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

For outstanding achievement in Flower Show production, the award goes to…all the men and women working behind the scenes at the 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show, carrying out a 171-year tradition of horticultural excellence.

Although planning for the Flower Show may take several years, the mad rush really begins in late February, when the work of moving into the Pennsylvania Convention Center and setting up starts. Like every aspect of the Show, this process is meticulously choreographed. First, the Show floor is marked up for the move in; then materials are delivered; then lighting and staging trusses. And when it all comes together, 10 acres of exhibit space will be transformed into a landscape of breathtaking beauty. Acknowledges Show Designer and Director Ed Lindemann, "From the carpenters and set designers to the PHS staff and volunteers and countless other devotees, these unsung heroes are the muscle and sweat behind the glitz and the glamour of the Show."

It wasn't always this big. To give you an idea of how much the Show has grown in size and popularity, consider these facts. In 1829, it took about 50 people at a cost to PHS of $15 to put the Show together; in 1999, more than 4,500 people (including exhibitors and volunteers) and a budget of over $5 million were required to pull off this annual event. At the first Show, about 25 visitors attended; last year, it was almost 260,000.

"Every beat of the Show is carefully orchestrated," says a cool Kathy Mills, Flower Show production manager, just weeks away from opening day on March 5th. "When we first meet with all the parties, we work out the kinks on paper, so when we do set up it'll be a smooth operation. As opening day approaches, exhibitors gradually move into the Convention Center with the largest trucks at the head of the line. Throughout the Show, exhibitors are responsible for maintaining their displays to look their best. Some evenings major exhibitors, for example, work long into the night replacing annuals and perennials and sometimes, even large shrubs."

It all sounds rather daunting. But there's a reason why the Flower Show runs like a well-oiled machine. It's because the exhibitors, vendors, countless volunteers, and staff associated with the event are committed to high standards of showmanship that visitors and the world over come to expect. See you at the Show!

—By Pamela Vu

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New and Exciting Plants for 2000

Although it's fun to have a few of the very latest plants in our gardens, ultimately what most of us want are interesting plants that grow well. Since the early 1980s, PHS has offered advice on the very best plants for members through the Gold Medal Plant Award program. In this year's new exhibit at the Philadelphia Flower Show, "Today's Plants for Tomorrow's Gardens," you'll find not only Gold Medal winners, which are all woody plants, but also newly available roses, annuals, and perennials.

Jackie Reardon, exhibit coordinator, says there will be more than 50 Gold Medal winners on display, thanks to the efforts of Chuck Feld of Birmingham Gardens and members of the Pennsylvania Landscape Nursery Association (PLNA) who have scoured the countryside in search of Gold Medal specimens for the Show. At the Show, members of PLNA will be on hand to answer visitors' questions.

Among the roses featured will be 'Knockout', the All-America Rose Selection for 2000. (Read about this vigorous rose in "The Potting Shed" section of January's *Green Scene* magazine). For would-be rose growers in search of the rose that won't fail you even if you don't lavish it with attention, check out the Dream Collection, making its world premiere at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Bred by Jerry Twomey, these roses have promise of being tough, durable, and pest resistant.

Sunny Border Nurseries, Etera, and Burpee will donate annuals and perennials for "Today's Plants for Tomorrow's Gardens," including a perennial from Bosnia, a new ajuga called Chocolate Chip, and a couple of new pulmonarias that will make an impression on the increasing number of local gardeners growing these tough plants which seem to thrive even in dry shade—the bane of all gardeners.

Chanticleer, a beautiful private estate in Wayne, PA, is our partner in this exhibit and we are grateful for the support of the Chanticleer Foundation in promoting the Gold Medal Plant Award program. At Chanticleer, which is open to PHS members free of charge (April through October), you will find more than 45 Gold Medal winners. Seeing these winners planted in this attractive landscape, it's easy to visualize how they will look in your garden. If you haven't had a chance to visit Chanticleer, you will be tempted by the large-scale photographs of the garden that serve as background for the Flower Show exhibit.

Jane Pepper

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Planting in Memory of Kitty Lapp

On Saturday, April 15, from 9:00am - noon, friends and relatives of Kitty Lapp—PHS volunteer extraordinaire, who died last fall at age 94—are invited to join Azalea Garden volunteers in the Garden to plant perennials in Kitty's memory. For more information and directions, please call Joan Kapcyznski at 215-988-8865.

PHS's Gold Medal Plant Profile

Hamamelis mollis 'Pallida'

Hamamelis mollis 'Pallida' is a witch hazel with fragrant lemon yellow flowers that offer a pleasant burst of color in February and March. 'Pallida' grows to 15' and does well as an espalier, or when planted in groups in a shrub border or woodland garden. This deciduous shrub—grown for its autumn color and cold-resistant, fragrant, spider-shaped flowers—performs best in deep, humus-rich, alkaline soils. Hardy in Zones 5-8, *Hamamelis mollis* 'Pallida' was named one of PHS's Gold Medal Plants in 1989.

PLANT SOCIETIES' SPECIAL MEETINGS AND SALES 2000

By Paula Holland

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Churchville Nature Center
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Churchville Nature Center
501 Churchville Lane, Churchville, PA 18966
Contact: Marlin Corn
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Email: webpage@dnsashland.org
Website: www.delawarenaturesociety.org

Frelinghuysen Arboretum
12th Annual Harvest Show · September 15 - 17, Fri. 12:30 - 8pm, Sat. & Sun. 11am - 5 pm
Frelinghuysen Arboretum
53 E. Hanover Ave., Morris Township, NJ 07960
Plant Sale · September 15-17, 11am-5pm
Free Admission
Contact: 973-326-7600

Friends of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum
Distinctive Annual Plant Sale · Saturday, May 6, 9am - 5pm
Frelinghuysen Arboretum
53 E. Hanover Ave., Morris Township, NJ 07960
Free Admission
Contact: Helen Mageau
973-326-7600

Henry Foundation for Botanical Research
Native American Species and Unusual Plants Sale
Open to the Public, May 6, 8am - 1pm, May 7, 1 - 4pm
Patrons' Preview, May 4, 4 - 7pm
Members Only, May 5, 10am - 6pm
Henry Foundation
801 Stony Lane (off Henry Lane), Gladwyne, PA 19035
Contact: Frederica Hammerstrom
610-525-2037; fax: 610-525-4024
Email: Henryfoundation@netreach.net

Horticultural Alliance, The Hamptons
Plant Sale Preview · May 19, 6 - 8pm
Bridgehampton Historical Society
Hwy 27 & Corwith St., Bridgehampton, NY 11932
Fee: $25
Plant Sale · May 20, 9am - 2pm
Bridgehampton Historical Society
Contact: Lydia B. Wallis
631-537-2223

Irvine Natural Science Center
Annual Native Plant Seminar · August 26, 9am - 1pm
Irvine Natural Science Center
8400 Greenspring Ave., Stevenson, MD 21153
$50 Registration
Native Plant Sale · Open to the Public, August 26, 9am - 3pm
Contact: Christel Marie Cothran
410-484-2413

Penn State Cooperative Extension Home Gardeners' School
4th Annual Home Gardeners' Conference
April 1, 8:30am - 3:30pm
Penn State Delaware County Campus, Route 352
Fee: $40
Contact: Barbara Knight
610-690-2655

Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College
Arbor Day Celebration
Open to the Public, April 22, 10am - 2pm
Scott Arboretum
500 College Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081
Contact: Claire Sawyers
610-328-8025

Tyler Arboretum
Plant Sale · April 29, 9am - 3pm
Tyler Arboretum
515 Painter Rd., Media, PA 19063
Free Admission
Contact: Meg Nielson
610-566-9134

University of Delaware Botanic Gardens
Plant Sale Slide Preview · March 30, 7 - 9pm
Fischer Greenhouse
Agriculture Campus
University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19717
Plant Sale · April 29, 9am - 4pm
Contact: Dot Milsom, Dept. of Plant & Soil Sciences
302-831-2531

AFRICAN VIOLETS

African Violet Club of Morris County
African Violet Annual Show and Sale
April 8 - 9, Sat. 1:30 - 5:00pm, Sun. 10am - 4pm
Haggerty Education Center
Frelinghuysen Arboretum
53 E. Hanover Ave., Morris Township, NJ 07960
Free Admission
Contact: Nancy Strong
973-326-7600

AZALEAS

Azalea Society of America Brookside Gardens Chapter
Plant Sale · May 21, 10am - 3pm
Brookside Gardens
1500 Glenallen Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902-1363
Free Admission
Major Event · May 13, 8am - 12pm
Tilden Middle School
Old Georgetown Rd. (North of Tuckerman Lane)
Bethesda, MD 20814
Contact: Debra White
301-831-9164

BONSAI

Great Swamp Bonsai Society
Annual Exhibit & Demonstration · June 10, 10am - 3pm
Haggerty Education Center
Frelinghuysen Arboretum
53 E. Hanover Ave., Morris Township, NJ 07960
Free Admission
Contact: Nancy Strong
/973-326-7600

CONIFERS

American Conifer Society
National Convention · August 3 - 6
Ann Arbor, MI
For more detailed information call Society
Contact: Maud Henne
Phone/fax: 804-984-3660

DAFFODILS

New Jersey Daffodil Society
25th Annual Daffidol Show
April 14, 1 - 4pm, April 15, 10am - 4pm
Haggery Education Center

Frelinghuysen Arboretum
53 E. Hanover Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960
Contact: Shirley Cameron
201-569-9257

Maryland Daffodil Society
Annual Show
April 19, 2:30 - 8:00pm, April 20, 10am - 3pm
Three Arts Club
6 Wyndhurst Rd., Baltimore, MD 2120-2406
Contact: Dee Purdy/410-654-0706 or
Alice Marten/410-532-8099

FERNS

Delaware Valley Fern & Wildflower Society
25th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon · October 28
Registration: 11:30am
William's Restaurant-Easton Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090
Featured Speaker: Dr. John T. Mickel
Contact: Tom D. Tomer
215-887-3683
Email: tdtomer@juno.com

GLOXINIAS & GESNERIADS

American Gloxinia & Gesneriad Society, Liberty Bell Chapter
Propagation Workshops & Speakers
3rd Tuesday, September - May, 7:30pm
Location TBA
Monthly Meetings · 3rd Tuesday, September - May, 7:30pm
Members' Homes, TBA
Spring & Fall Plant Sale · TBA
Contact: Laura Shannon
215-247-8527

HERBS

Herb Society of America, Delaware Valley Unit
Plant Sale · May 20, 10am - 4pm
Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum
Rte. 29, Lambertville, NJ 08530
Contact: Joan Noveske
215-297-5348

Herb Society of America, Pennsylvania Heartland Unit
Herbal Delights Symposium · June 26 - 27
Albright College
1621 N. 13th St., Reading, PA 19604
Contact: Cynthia Kern
610-589-5928

Herb Society of America, Philadelphia Unit
61st Annual Herb Sale
May 11, 10am - 2:00pm (rain or shine)
Historic Yellow Springs Institute
Art School Rd., Chester Springs, PA 19425
Contact: Jill Cathers
610-983-3124

HOSTAS

Delaware Valley Hosta Unit
Delaware Valley Hosta Society · March 18, 12:30pm
Chadds Ford Ramada Inn, US Rt. 1 & US Rt. 202
Glen Mills (Chadds Ford), PA 19342
Combined Event
Annual Plant Sale & Slide Show Lecture
Contact: Eva Jones
410-939-3871

IRISES

The Garden State Iris Society
Garden State Iris Society Early Show · May 6, 1 - 5pm
Haggerty Education Center
Frelinghuysen Arboretum
53 E. Hanover Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960
Free Admission
Plant Sale · July 30, 10am - 1pm
Contact: Nancy Strong
973-326-7600

LILIES

Mid-Atlantic Lily Society
Annual Lily Show
June 24, noon - 5:00pm, June 25, 10am - 5pm
Scott Arboretum
Swarthmore College
Contact: Jerry Sellers
215-849-1928
Email: jsellers-dzns@dca.net

ORCHIDS

Delaware Valley Orchid Council
12th Annual Speakers Forum · April 1, 8:30am - 4pm
Wyndham Hotel
Mt. Laurel, NJ
$28.00 (incl. lunch)
Speakers: Alfredo Manrique, "Orchids of Peru";
Kevin Porter, "New Paphiopedilum Standards";
Geoff Stocker, "Orchids of New Guinea"
Contact: Lois Duffin
215-248-3626
Fax: 215-248-0303

Greater Philadelphia Orchid Society
Orchid Auction · September 21
Preview 7pm, Auction 7:30pm
Merion Friends Activity Center
615 Montgomery Ave., Narberth, PA 19072-2010
Monthly Meetings · 3rd Thursdays, Nov-Dec, 8pm
4th Thursdays, Jan-Oct, 8pm
Merion Friends Activity Center
No Fee
Contact: Lois Duffin
215-248-3626
fax: 215-248-0303

Southeastern PA Orchid Society
2000 Orchid Show · February 10 - 13, Mall Hours
King of Prussia Mall, Court
Orchid Auction
July, at Annual Picnic (Call for Information)
Contact: Deborah Robinson
610-827-7445 (please, leave message)

South Jersey Orchid Society
Orchid Auction · November 19, 1pm
United Methodist Church
Willow St., Wenonah, NJ 08090
Monthly Meeting · 3rd Sundays, September - June, 1pm
Contact: Barbara Inglessis
856-722-0393

PERENNIALS & WOODY PLANTS

Perennial Plant Association
Perennial Plant Symposium & Annual Meeting
July 30 - August 5
Toronto
Fee TBA
Contact: Dr. Steven Still
614-771-8431

Perennial Plant Conference
Perennial Plant Conference 2000 · October 20
Scott Arboretum
500 College Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081
*Co-Sponsors: Hardy Plant Society, PHS, Longwood Gardens, Inc., Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College
Contact: Sally Kutyla/215-988-8775
Email: skutyla@pennhort.org

Woody Plant Conference 2000
Woody Plant Conference 2000 · July 28
Scott Arboretum
500 College Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081
*Co-Sponsors: Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, PHS, Longwood Gardens, Inc., Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, Tyler Arboretum
Contact: Sally Kutyla
215-988-8775
Email: skutyla@pennhort.org

RHODODENDRONS

American Rhododendron Society, Greater Philadelphia Chapter
Truss Flower Show
Open to the Public, May 13, noon - 4:00pm
Widener Education Center
Morris Arboretum
9414 Meadowbrook Ave., Chestnut Hill, PA 19118
Plant Sale · May 13, 10am - 4pm (rain or shine)
Contact: Cathy Keim
215-576-6494

American Rhododendron Society, Valley Forge Chapter
Flower Show · May 14, 1 - 5pm (rain or shine)
Longwood Gardens
Kennett Square, PA 19348
Longwood Admission Fee
Plant Sale · May 6, 9am - 3pm, May 7, 11am - 3pm
Jenkins Arboretum
631 Berwyn-Baptist Rd., Devon, PA 19333
Contact: Jim Gears
610-793-2313

ROCK GARDEN

North American Rock Garden Society, Delaware Valley Chapter
Plant Sale · June 10, 10am
Robbins Nature Center
Ambler, PA
Members Only
Meeting & Plant Show · April 8, 10am
Friend's Meeting House
Swarthmore College
Contact: Ann Rosenberg
610-525-8683

ROSES

Del-Chester Rose Society
39th Annual Rose Show
Open to the Public, June 10, 1 - 6pm
Roses entered 6 - 10am in the Terrace Restaurant
Longwood Gardens
Rt 1, Kennett Square, PA
Longwood Admission Fee; Free to Exhibitors
Pruning Demonstration
April 8, 10am (rain date: April 15)
Memorial Rose Garden
Saint Maximilian Kolbe Church
15 E. Pleasant Grove Rd., West Chester, PA 19382-7440
(off Rt 202 S. of West Chester, PA)
Contact: Pat Pitkin
610-692-4076

Philadelphia Rose Society
54th Annual Rose Show
Open to the Public, June 4, 1 - 5pm
Roses entered 7 - 10:30am
Widener Education Center
Morris Arboretum
Chestnut Hill, PA 19118
Fee: $3; Free to Exhibitors
Rose Pruning Demonstration
April 1, 10am (rain date: April 8)
Rose Garden
Morris Arboretum
Chestnut Hill, PA 19118
Fee: $3
Contact: Pat Pitkin/610-692-4076

In The Spotlight: Peggy Bowditch

Like so many of the "Competitive Classes" entrants at the 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show, Peggy Bowditch is a returning veteran. In fact, this will be her 26th year at the Show. Over the years, she's collected her share of blue ribbons but admits "your first ribbon is always the most special, and no matter how many of them you get, you never get jaded."

Drawn to gardening because of "her two left hands and two left feet," Peggy says, "Gardening was the one thing I had a deep understanding of and was good at." So good in fact that she has gone on to teach others about horticulture at Temple University's Ambler campus, judge competitive classes at other major flower shows, and still has time to compete in the mother of all shows—our own Philadelphia Flower Show.

"This year, I'll be entering 25 or so plants in each of the three days of judging," Peggy adds. "Close to half of my entries are bulbs, but I've always favored hardy plants and especially, rock garden plants." Peggy doesn't have the luxury of a greenhouse, "but I do have a cold frame in my backyard. I'll throw blankets over it so nothing freezes, but now that it has snowed, I have nature's blanket."

For Peggy, gardening and competing has become a lifestyle choice. "For me, horticulture is the focus of the whole year. I go to Maine several times during the months of May through October and, believe it or not, I take all the plants for next year's Flower Show with me. They love the cool temperatures up there."

For more on Peggy's Flower Show adventures, read the article "Bringing Home the Blue" in the March issue of Green Scene.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

JOIN OUR GARDEN VISITS

Long before we can smell spring in the air, a stalwart group of members are finalizing plans for the PHS Garden Visits. These informal garden tours run from noon - 5 pm on three Sundays in spring in three locations. Planning the tours is a labor of love that requires about a year's advance preparation to present gardens for PHS members to enjoy.

Garden Visits coordinator **Anna Marie Amey** and **Sally Kutyla**, PHS Program Activities, announce that the 2000 tours are scheduled for Sunday, May 7, in Chester County; Sunday, May 21, on the Main Line; and Sunday, June 11, in the Medford/ Cherry Hill area. See the April *PHS News* for registration information. Registrants will receive entrance tags ($5 per member; $25 for guests), travel directions, and descriptions of the gardens 10 days before each tour.

THERE'S REAL SAVINGS IN YOUR PHS MEMBERSHIP CARD!

PHS's Flower Show Shoppe and participating vendors in the Marketplace will offer card-carrying PHS members special discounts on selected merchandise. (The list of participating Show vendors is included in the Members' Guide mailed with the Show tickets. Only vendors from this list will offer discounts.) **To receive the discounted price, we ask only that you present your Membership Card before the sale is rung up**. So, be sure to have your card handy when visiting the Show.

Susie Walker

Longtime PHS friend Susie Walker died in December at the age of 88. Susie served on the PHS Council, chaired the Horticulture Passing and Exhibits Committees, competed in numerous Flower and Harvest Shows, and made long-lasting friendships along the way. Susie will be greatly missed for her horticultural wisdom and for her willingness to share both her wisdom and plants.

Carter Dorrance

PHS lost another past Council member and friend in late January when Carter Dorrance died. Carter was also an award-winning Flower and Harvest Show exhibitor and a member for many years of the Flower Show Competitive Classes Committee.

Activities and Events

Creating Better Images: Photography Workshop, Two-Part Class

Saturday, March 18, 1:00 - 5:00pm
Sunday, March 19, 8:00am - 5:00pm—Tyler Arboretum, Media

Bob Lyons, professor of Horticultural Science and director of the J.C. Raulston Arboretum at North Carolina State University, will conduct a two-part photography workshop at Tyler Arboretum. Students will receive classroom instruction on equipment basics, effects of different film types, elements of composition, impact of natural light, and some tricks of the trade used by professional photographers.

The class will then move outdoors, where students will shoot two rolls of film. During the lunch break on Sunday, the film will be developed and returned to class for an anonymous critiquing session in the afternoon. Program limit: 25. Fee: $115 nonmembers; $100 for PHS and Tyler Arboretum members. Fee includes instruction, film and processing. Students must bring a 35mm camera. **To register, please call Tyler Arboretum: 610-566-9134 ext.212.**

Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series: Orchids for Your Windowsill

Wednesday, March 22, Noon - 1:00pm—PHS Auditorium

Before **Michael Bowell's** tropical jungle outgrew his apartment, he mastered the art of making the most of available and supplemental light to grow prize-winning orchids. In this lunchtime program, he'll cover the basic requirements for successfully growing different types of orchids on windowsills and under lights. Michael Bowell is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. Please bring a lunch; PHS will supply coffee and tea. Fee: $5.

An added treat—Michael Bowell will lead a guided tour of his greenhouse and garden in Malvern on **Thursday, April 6, 10am to noon**. Following the tour, attendees are invited to visit Create A Scene Gallery in nearby Kimberton. Group limit: 20. Members only. Fee: $15.

Workshop: Botanical Drawing with Colored Pencils

Thursday and Friday, March 23 & 24, 10:00am - 3:00pm
PHS Auditorium

Interpret live flowers, fruits and vegetables with the versatile medium of colored pencils. The emphasis of this two-day workshop with **Eileen Rosen** is on drawing and form.

Instruction based on individual needs; beginners are welcome. A materials list will be mailed upon registration. Please bring a lunch. This is a two-day class; students cannot miss the first class. Program limit: 15. Fee: $95 nonmembers; $90 members.

Propagating Perennials

Wednesday, March 29, 10:00am - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook

John Story, general manager of Meadowbrook Farm, will give an overview of the theories and techniques for propagating perennials in the spring. Story will demonstrate the three most common methods of propagation: stem and root cuttings, and root division, as well as explain how to determine the appropriate timing and method for your plants. Students will have hands-on instruction and propagate plants to take home. Fee: $29 nonmembers; $24 members.

Workshop: Botanical Illustration

6 Sessions, Thursdays, March 30, April 6, 13, 20, May 4 and 11
12:30 - 3:30pm—Chanticleer, Wayne

Botanical illustrator **Louisa Rawle Tiné** will teach this six-session course in botanical watercolor. The emphasis is on realistic portrayal of botanical subjects and traditional methods of dry brush watercolor painting. Each week we will discuss, draw, and paint a different plant. Instruction is highly individualized and geared for students with some art background or previous experience in botanical illustration.

Louisa Rawle Tiné has worked as a professional artist and illustrator for 30 years in commercial and fine arts. A materials list will be mailed upon registration. Members only. Fee: $180. *Note: no class on April 27.*

Succulent Wreath Workshop

Wednesday, April 12, 10 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook

Nanci Walsh, horticulturist and retail manager of Meadowbrook Farm, will demonstrate how to create a succulent wreath. Participants will fill a 10" wreath frame with moss, then plant sedum and other hardy succulents around the wreath. The finished project can be used as a living centerpiece for a garden table or as a welcome wreath on your garden gate. Fee: $52 nonmembers; $47 members includes instruction, and all materials and plants needed for the workshop.

Faux Finishes: Decorative Paint Workshop

Wednesday, April 12, 6-8pm
Chanticleer, Wayne

Is it real marble or isn't it? **Ed Hincken**, of the Chanticleer staff, will demonstrate decorative painting techniques, such as marbling, ragging, and verdigris, to turn everyday items into unique garden ornaments and home decor. Everyone will have the opportunity to experiment with the various techniques, and then each class member will decorate a terra cotta pot to take home. Fee: $47 nonmembers; $42 members includes instruction, clay pot, and all workshop supplies.

Field Trip: New York International Orchid Show

Friday, April 14, 7:30am - 7:00pm
World Financial Center, New York

The New York International Orchid Show, sponsored by the Greater New York Orchid Society and the World Financial Center, is staged in the beautiful, sunlit atrium of the Winter Garden. Five galleries of entries feature rare orchids from around the world in artistic displays, individual entries, arrangements, and artwork. Our visit will include a guided tour and plenty of free time to enjoy a leisurely lunch and explore the show and marketplace.

Bus will depart from two locations: the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and 18th and Market Sts. in Center City. Please mark your choice on the reservation form. Fee: $45 nonmembers; $40 members includes transportation, tour, and light refreshments on the bus. Lunch is on your own.

Landscaping with Bulbs at Hedgleigh Spring

Saturday, April 15, 10am - Noon
Swarthmore
Early spring bulbs combine with other seasonal performers for dramatic effects before most shrubs and perennials show any signs of growth. Using the established plantings in his garden, Hedgleigh Spring, **Charles Cresson** will show how you can create similar effects in your own garden.

Cresson is a garden consultant, lecturer, and award-winning author of several gardening books. He teaches the course on bulbs in the Longwood Gardens certificate program. Program limit: 20. Fee: $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

Spring Walk

Wednesday, April 26, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Chanticleer, Wayne
Chanticleer Director **Chris Woods** will lead an early evening walk through the estate of Chanticleer. Spring garden highlights include blooming trees, woodland wildflowers, and thousands of naturalized bulbs. Fee: $15. Members only.

Get Your Garden Off to a Good Start!

Join us for a series of educational programs designed for homeowners and budding gardeners. Whether you have a mature landscape ready for improvement or a bare "canvas" waiting for you to plant your first tree, you'll learn valuable skills and timesaving techniques from these experienced horticulturists.

Container Gardens - Quick and Easy Planters for Busy Gardeners

Tuesday, April 4, 7:00-8:00pm
Churchville Nature Center, Bucks County

Container gardens are an easy way to add color and variety to your landscape, while having the advantages of being portable and easy to maintain. **Danielle Odhner** will discuss ornamental, herbal, and vegetable combinations as well as the many types of pots available. Danielle Odhner is head gardener at the Bryn Athyn Cathedral, where she is responsible for the designing, planting, and maintaining of the church's grounds.

Healthy Trees

Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 - 8:00pm
Churchville Nature Center, Bucks County

ISA certified arborist **Lou Giroud** will discuss the keys to healthy trees. He'll cover basics such as selecting the right tree for your landscape, detecting signs of tree problems, coping with insects and diseases, and pruning. He'll also discuss how knowledge of tree biology and spray alternatives have changed methods of tree care. Lou Giroud is founder and president of Giroud Tree Service, which is celebrating its 26th year in business.

Fee for each program is $5. Please register using the form on back, or by calling Kimberly Dmytro at 215-988-8869 or fax: 215-988-8810. Travel directions will be mailed. The Churchville Nature Center is a facility of the Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation.

***Over for reservation form**

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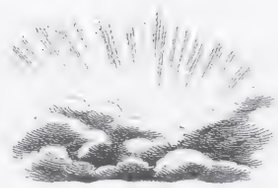

Volunteer to Help Restore Healing Gardens of Friends Hospital

On Saturday, April 8th, from 10 am - 2 pm, Friends Hospital will be holding its first annual "Gardening with Friends: Restoring a National Historic Landmark" to help spruce up the Hospital's 100-acre campus.

Friends invites adults and children to participate in light gardening tasks such as raking, weeding and mulching. Lunch will be included and Friends staff will be on hand to provide assistance.

Interested volunteers, please call 215-831-7803. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held April 9th from 10 am - 2 pm. If you are interested in other ongoing garden restoration projects at Friends Hospital, please call Kristen Rawlings at 215-831-7854.

PHS Gardening Hotline

Q: Is it too early to trim ornamental shrubs?

A: Overgrown or sheared shrubs often appear "leggy", having little or no foliage at the base. Although shearing is suitable for hedge plants, most shrubs are not tolerant of having new growth constantly removed. Continual pruning may reduce ornamental features, such as flowers and fruit. Start your pruning program in March before most shrubs leaf out. Begin by pruning any dead, damaged, or crossed branches. Then remove the largest and oldest branches by cutting at the base of the shrub. Unless you can handle a sore spot in the landscape, do not remove more than one third of live branches during any given year. Thinning will encourage new growth at the base of the plant, and help restore the ornamental features of the plant. Use hand pruners for small stems; loppers for branches up to 1-3/4 inches thick; and pruning saws for branches up to 3 inches. Wear leather gloves and safety glasses when pruning.

The PHS Horticultural Hotline is open Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - noon. Phone: 215-988-8777; Fax: 215-988-8783; email: askagardener@pennhort.org

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One-day Field Trips—$5 fee, provided the request is received at least 5 days before event. (No refund if less than 5 days.)
All Other Events—$3 fee, provided the request is received at least 5 days before event. (No refund if less than 5 days.)

Photo Workshop 3/18 & 19
Call: 610-566-9134 ext. 212

BBL: Orchids 3/22
Fee $5 _____

At Home: Bowell Greenhouse & Garden 4/6
Members Only. Fee $15 _____

Workshop: Colored Pencil Drawing - Rosen 3/23 & 24
Fee: $95 _____
$90 Members _____

Workshop: Propagating Perennials 3/29
Fee $29 _____
$24 Members _____

Workshop: Botanical Illustration - Rawle Tiné 3/30, 4/6, 13, 20, 5/4 & 11
Members Only. Fee $180 _____

Succulent Wreath Workshop 4/12
Fee: $52 _____
$47 Members _____

Faux Finishes Workshop 4/12
Fee $47 _____
$42 Members _____

Field Trip: NY Orchid Show 4/14
Fee $45 _____
$40 Members _____
Pick-up location:
❒ Hort. Center _____ or
❒ Center City _____

Bulbs at Hedgleigh Spring 4/15
Fee $18 _____
$15 Members _____

Chanticleer Walk 4/26
Members Only. Fee $15 _____

Churchville Nature Center Series:
Container Gardens 4/4
Fee $5 _____

Healthy Trees 4/25
Fee $5 _____

TOTAL: $ _____

NAME: _____ Member ID # _____
If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name. GUEST: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE: (day) _____ (evening) _____
Please provide your current phone number(s) so we may contact you if there are changes in scheduled activities.

METHOD OF PAYMENT:
❒ Check enclosed ❒ Please charge my VISA ❒ or MasterCard

Name as it appears on credit card _____
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THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

A Tree Grows in South Philly

What began as an effort to stop a vacant lot from becoming a trash dumping site has lead to a successful crusade to preserve a bit of green in South Philadelphia.

In 1998, the urban gardening group who call themselves Bel Arbor—aided by Philadelphia Green—decided to create a tree farm as a source of trees for greening projects in their Bella Vista community. After an initial startup on a vacant lot that filled the entire block along Washington Avenue, it was touch and go for Bel Arbor, and the tree farmers had to move the rows of trees more than once due to commercial development. Fortunately, the trees were planted in pots and less of a challenge to move than if they had been planted in the ground.

Just when the Bel Arbor group thought they had finally found a permanent home along Kimball Street at the back of the lot, they learned that Leonard Thylen, a New York developer who owns the site, planned to build houses on this piece of land. Eager to save their trees, the Bel Arbor tree farmers formed a coalition—including Kimball Street and other Bella Vista residents, the Christ Presbyterian Church, and City Councilman Frank DiCicco, to urge Thylan to reconsider his plans. Together, their voices made an impact and Thylan provided the gardeners with a five-year agreement that would allow them to use the land for a tree farm.

Last summer, the Bel Arbor tree farm (located on about one third of an acre), resembled a small forest. Surrounding its wildflower and native-grass meadow was a colorful collection of flowering crab apples, golden-rain trees, dogwoods, trident maples, and redbuds. "Bel Arbor has become a focal point in many of our lives," says the group's president, Carla Puppin, "and we are determined to make it a success."

Then came wonderful news last December. Thylan donated the entire parcel to the Neighborhood Gardens Association (NGA) for long-term use by Bella Vista residents. NGA is a non-profit organization, partially supported by PHS, committed to preserving community gardens and open space. As the landowner, NGA carries liability insurance and pays for the property tax, while PHS's Philadelphia Green continues to provide technical and horticultural assistance. Today, Bel Arbor's gardeners know they are planting trees for keeps.

Bel Arbor president Carla Puppin and John Snyder tend to one of the many thriving saplings in the tree farm.

This spring (with the help of a National Tree Trust grant), the first generation of trees from Bel Arbor will "graduate" and be planted throughout this South Philly neighborhood. Bel Arbor members will help residents with tree care and maintenance for the first two years.

As for the future of the farm, Puppin notes, "Along with raising trees, we'd like to have workshops on tree care and become a source of tree care information in the city."

For the rest of us, the Bel Arbor tree farm is an inspiring lesson in persistence and the meaning of community spirit.

Soaker hoses water the trees at Bel Arbor, which is located along Kimball Street between 10th and 11th.

—By Pamela Vu

PEPPERPOT

Artfully Restoring a City Landmark

When we first produced plans for the re-landscaping of the grounds at the **Philadelphia Museum of Art**, there were some who thought we were just slightly off the wall. The project seemed so enormous—25 acres in all—and the funds required for the restoration and the long-term maintenance were equally impressive.

Nine years later, I am proud of what we have achieved through our **Philadelphia Green** Public Landscapes department with our partners—the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the **Fairmount Park Commission**—and happy to let you know that this summer we will start a new phase of the renovation.

Crucial to the development of this project has been the capital funding supplied by the City of Philadelphia through the Fairmount Park budget, totaling $2 million to date. By December 1997, this funding had made it possible for us to plant new *Paulownia* trees, masses of colorful *Cotinus* shrubs (smoke bush), and hundreds of perennials in the East Courtyard, as well as plantings at the newly redesigned Kelly Drive entrance. As this initial phase was getting underway, we began conversations with friends who we thought would understand the importance of providing an endowment for the long-term maintenance of this new landscape.

Our friends did indeed understand the critical maintenance needs of this important site and we were thrilled in 1998 when **Dodo Hamilton**, a long-time supporter of both PHS and the Art Museum, provided a generous challenge grant to initiate this fund. Later that year, another wonderful friend made a significant anonymous contribution. Since those initial donations, we have received additional donations and pledges for a total of $1,930,000 million, just $170,000 short of the amount we need to fully endow the maintenance of Phases I and II. On this page, we've listed those who have made or pledged gifts of more than $1,000 to the Art Museum Landscape Maintenance Fund.

To all our friends who have made gifts, large and small, to this project, many thanks. I would like to say special thanks to **Laurada**, **Russell**, and **Alison Byers**, who generously suggested that contributions in memory of **Russell G. Byers, Jr.** be placed in this fund. As many of you know, Russ, a columnist for the *Philadelphia Daily News*, died tragically this past November. Russ was an enthusiastic promoter of PHS's Philadelphia Green program and would call me periodically to get an update on the Art Museum Landscape project. Thank you to the more than 230 people who made donations in honor of Russ, for a total that exceeds $35,000 and is still growing.

When you visit the Art Museum this summer, check out the new plantings on the Ramparts that flank the steps on the East Side of the Museum. For too long, uneven lawn and a few trees and shrubs remaining from past plantings have characterized these lackluster areas. Come spring, though, the landscape will be regraded and planted with 'Princeton Sentry' junipers marching up either side of the steps. Large shade trees to the north and south will include oxydendrum, katsura and tulip trees, along with plantings of cherries and 'Miss Kim' lilac to provide spring color and fragrance. To increase the interest later in the season, the design team from Wallace, Roberts and Todd has also added shrubs such as hydrangea and itea. It will be beautiful, if not...*artful.*

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
President

Donors to the Philadelphia Museum of Art Landscape Restoration Maintenance Fund *

We extend our deepest appreciation and thanks to all of you who have generously donated to fund for the maintenance of the restored plantings at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

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In The Spotlight: Rosina Feldman

Dedicated volunteers are the bread and butter of PHS's Philadelphia Green program. Among them is longtime volunteer Rosina Feldman, who waters and maintains the median beds along Spring Garden Street every week during the growing season.

"It's nice to drive into the neighborhood and see a stretch of beauty before you," says Rosina. As one of the initial volunteers of the Spring Garden Street "Ribbon of Gold" project, Rosina knows the importance of creating attractive public spaces and gateways. For Rosina, a resident of the Spring Garden neighborhood, the median strip is practically in her backyard. As such, she feels especially proud of how it looks and particularly when the mix of daylilies, black-eyed Susans, purple coneflower, and salvia comes into bloom.

Describing herself as a "philistine of horticulture," Rosina admits, "I like plants that are flashy, loud, and really scream at you. They also have to be sturdy, especially here in the city." Claiming no favorites among her own plants at home, she adds, "Honestly, though, I like anything that grows and looks nice."

This Swiss-born native's talents also include designing fabrics, playing the piano, and caring for animals. It is this boundless energy and zest for life with which she infuses all her volunteer projects that keep her neighborhood green and her community thriving.

Discover Hidden Treasures in the Delaware Valley: Join us for PHS Garden Visits

We extend our thanks to the generous garden owners who have invited PHS members to visit their gardens this spring. For 2000, tours will run from noon - 5:00pm in three locations:

May 7: Chester County
May 21: Main Line
June 11: New Jersey (Medford to Cherry Hill)

Come out and spend the afternoon, have a tailgate picnic, and gather ideas to grow in your own garden. Register using the form on page 5. ($5 per member; $25 for guests; free for children under five.) Maps and travel directions, descriptions of the gardens, and entrance tags will be mailed 10 days before each tour.

Woody Plant Conference for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries

Mark your calendar for the 2000 Woody Plant Conference

The conference will be held at Swarthmore College on **Friday**, **July 28**, **9am - 4pm**. The Scott Arboretum provides a rich, horticultural backdrop for this day designed for woody plant enthusiasts.

Speakers include:

Dan Hinkley, Heronswood Nursery, Kingston , WA
Roy Lancaster, Hampshire, England
Richard Lighty, Kennett Square, PA
Deborah Smith-Fiola, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Toms River, NJ
Chris Strand, Green Spring Garden Park, Alexandria, VA

This conference is jointly sponsored by Longwood Gardens, Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and Tyler Arboretum. Brochures will be available in May. If you would like to receive one, please check the box on the reservation form (on page 5) or email Sally Kutyla at *skutyla@pennhort.org*. Attendees of the 1999 Conference will automatically receive a brochure.

Bouquets to All Exhibitors and Volunteers

By the time you get this edition of the *News*, the last of the Flower Show mulch will have been cleared away, and the memories will remain. For me and other staff members, these will be memories of all the hours our exhibitors and volunteers spent to make it a splendid Show and one our visitors will remember for many months. Some visitors will incorporate ideas from your displays into their gardens this summer, while others will take home tips from presentations they heard in the Gardener's Studio. Yet everyone will remember the color, the fragrance, and that feeling of spring.

To you all, exhibitors and volunteers, we say many, many thanks. You make the Show happen and we are most grateful for the revenues you help us raise through the Show to augment the funding we receive from foundations, corporations, and individuals to run our many programs.

—Jane Pepper

Activities and Events

Succulent Wreath Workshop

Wednesday, April 12, 10 - Noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Nanci Walsh, horticulturist and retail manager of Meadowbrook Farm, will demonstrate how to create a succulent wreath. Participants will fill a 10-inch wreath frame with moss, then plant sedum and other hardy succulents around the wreath. The finished project can be used as a living centerpiece for a garden table or as a welcome wreath on your garden gate. Fee: $52 nonmembers; $47 members includes instruction, and all materials and plants needed for the workshop.

Faux Finishes: Decorative Paint Workshop

Wednesday, April 12, 6-8pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Is it real marble or isn't it? Chanticleer's **Ed Hincken**, will demonstrate decorative painting techniques, such as marbling, ragging, and verdigris, to turn everyday items into unique garden ornaments and home decor. Everyone will have the opportunity to experiment with the various techniques, and decorate a terra-cotta pot to take home. Fee: $47 nonmembers; $42 members includes instruction, clay pot, and all workshop supplies.

Field Trip: New York International Orchid Show

Friday, April 14, 7:30am - 7:00pm
World Financial Center, New York

The New York International Orchid Show, sponsored by the Greater New York Orchid Society and the World Financial Center, is staged in the beautiful, sunlit atrium of the Winter Garden. Five galleries of entries feature rare orchids from around the world in artistic displays, individual entries, arrangements, and artwork. Our visit will include a guided tour and plenty of free time to enjoy a leisurely lunch and explore the show and marketplace.

Bus will depart from two locations: the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park, and 18th and Market Sts. in Center City. *Please mark your choice on the reservation form.* Fee: $45 nonmembers; $40 members includes transportation, tour, and light refreshments on the bus. Lunch is on your own.

Landscaping with Bulbs at Hedgleigh Spring

Saturday, April 15, 10am - Noon
Swarthmore, PA

Early spring bulbs combine with other seasonal performers for dramatic effects before most shrubs and perennials show any signs of growth. Using the established plantings in his garden, Hedgleigh Spring, **Charles Cresson** will show how you can create similar effects in your own garden.

Cresson is a garden consultant, lecturer, and award-winning author. He teaches the course on bulbs in the Longwood Gardens certificate program. Program limit: 20. Fee: $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

Spring Walk

Wednesday, April 26, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Chanticleer Director **Chris Woods** will lead an early evening walk through the estate of Chanticleer. Spring garden highlights include blooming trees, woodland wildflowers, and thousands of naturalized bulbs. Fee: $15. Members only.

Japanese Dry Garden

The Pagoda Building
Saturday May 6, 10am - noon
Bala Cynwyd, PA

Jack Miller, known for his moss garden in Collegeville, renovated this Japanese dry garden five years ago and has stayed on as the garden's caretaker. He'll lead a tour of the garden, which features a dry pond and waterfall, bridges, moss, bamboo, Japanese maples, and conifers. **Douglas Roth**, publisher of the *Journal of Japanese Gardening*, will demonstrate traditional Japanese pruning techniques. After logging more than 2,500 pruning hours during his five-year apprenticeship in Japan, Roth was the first foreigner ever licensed to practice gardening in Japan. In this demonstration, he will prepare a Japanese black pine for installation. Fee: $ 15 nonmembers; $12 members.

From Seed to Site: Growing Collected Plants

Morris Arboretum
Wednesday, May 17, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Philadelphia, PA

Observe how plants go from seeds collected from the wild to plants incorporated into the garden. **Anthony Aiello**, curator and director of horticulture at Morris Arboretum, will guide us through the growing process—from the propagation greenhouses and hoop houses where plants are grown, out into the Arboretum, where they are used in a variety of landscape settings. Fee: $12. Members only.

Workshop: Captivating Containers

Thursday, May 18, 10:00 - 11:30am or 1:00 - 2:30pm
Concordville, PA

Go beyond the ordinary and create a masterful container garden in this workshop at J. Franklin Styer Nurseries. Styer's horticulturists **Cindi Kistler** and **Theresa Rowan** will show you how to plant a 16-inch terra-cotta pot with rare and uncommon blooming annuals. All materials will be provided along with tips on caring for your container garden. Bring your imagination and be willing to forego the marigolds and geraniums this time around. *Mark your choice of morning or afternoon session on the registration form.* Classes limited to 20. Fee: $75. Members only.

Growing PHS Gold Medal Plants

Wednesday, May 24, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Horticulturist **Laurel Voran** will discuss the ornamental qualities and culture of PHS Gold Medal Plants growing at Chanticleer. A garden walk and slide presentation will introduce you to these excellent plants. Program limit 20. Fee: $18 nonmembers; $15 members.

Celebrate Spring at the Azalea Garden

Join us for an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, live music, and more at this year's Azalea Garden Party. This annual event, set in the stunning four-acre Azalea Garden west of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, will take place on **Thursday, May 11, 5:30- 8:00pm.** Proceeds from the party will help fund the ongoing maintenance costs of the Garden including badly needed replacements for plants that succumbed to last year's summer-long drought. So come rain or shine, we look forward to seeing you on May 11th. To receive an invitation, please contact Ellen Wheeler at 215-988-8830 or email *ewheeler@pennhort.org.*

ACTIVITIES AND EVENT RESERVATIONS

Reservations, required for all PHS programs, may be made through the reservations form below. Fill out and mail or fax to: **PHS Activities, attn: Sally Kutyla, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495; fax: 215-988-8810.** Please include full payment. Reservations may also be made by phone. Call **215-988-8775** or **8869.** Please have your VISA or MasterCard ready. ***Confirmations for all events will be mailed, except for Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series.*** Travel directions will be mailed for events away from PHS. **Refunds and cancellations:** If you withdraw from a registration event, the following fees will apply:

One-day Field Trips—$5 fee, provided the request is received at least 5 days before event. (No refund if less than 5 days.)
All Other Events—$3 fee, provided the request is received at least 5 days before event. (No refund if less than 5 days.)

Succulent Wreath Workshop 4/12
Fee $52 _____
$47 Members _____

Faux Finishes Workshop 4/12
Fee $47 _____
$42 Members _____

Field Trip: NY Orchid Show 4/14
Fee $45 _____
$40 Members _____
Pick-up location:
❒ Hort. Center
❒ Center City

Bulbs at Hedgleigh Spring 4/15
Fee $18 _____
$15 Members _____

Spring Walk 4/26
Members Only. Fee $15 _____

Japanese Dry Garden 5/6
Fee $ 15 _____
$12 Members _____

Plant Collecting 5/17
Members Only. Fee $12 _____

Workshop: Captivating Containers 5/18
Members Only. Fee: $75 _____
10:00 - 11:30am _____
or 1:00 - 2:30pm _____

Gold Medal Plants 5/24
Fee $18 _____
$15 Members _____

TOTAL: $ _____

Garden Visits
(Free for children under five)

Chester County, PA
Sunday, May 7, noon - 5:00pm
Members $5_____ Guests $25 _____

Main Line, PA
Sunday, May 21, noon - 5:00pm
Members $5 _____ Guests $25 _____

New Jersey: Medford to Cherry Hill
Sunday, June 11, noon - 5:00pm
Members $5 _____ Guests $25 _____

Conference on Woody Plants 7/28
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The 30th Annual Plant Sale of the **Herb Society of America, Northern New Jersey Unit** to be held Saturday, May 13, 2000, on the grounds of the Delbarton School (located on Rte 24, about three miles west of Morristown). Medicinal, culinary, and fragrant herbs, including topiary plants and old garden favorites, will be offered. For more information, please call Gail Masson at 908-459-9223 or Liz Hayden at 908-221-0931.

The **Tamanend Park Herb Gardening Club** Annual Herb Sale to take place on May 20 & 21, 2000. In addition to rare and unusual herbs and a vast variety of scented geraniums, there will be Garden Tours and Herbal Crafts. Tamanend Park is located 1/2 mile north of Street Rd. on 2nd Street Pike, in Southampton Township, Bucks County. The sale is at the Farmhouse. For more information and special plant orders call 215-491-9165.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

GOLD MEDAL PLANTS SHINE AT THE FLOWER SHOW

Syringa meyeri 'Palibin', a 2000 Gold Medal Plant recipient.

Try These Acclaimed Woody Plants in Your Garden!

They're not called "Gold Medal Plants" for nothing! Each year a Pennsylvania Horticultural Society panel of experts chooses little-known and underused woody plants of exceptional merit and promotes their use. These, along with other plants for 2000, got their deserved attention at this year's Philadelphia Flower Show. As part of the New Plant Introduction exhibit, their presence generated much interest and enthusiasm from the many visitors.

"We couldn't be happier about our debut at this year's Show," enthused exhibit coordinator Jackie Reardon. "It was wonderful to see people taking notes and asking lots of questions. Members of Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association, like Chuck Feld of Birmingham Gardens, were the link between the visitors and the exhibit. They provided the public with additional information about each plant and where to purchase them."

Although more than half of the plants on display were Gold Medal Plants, there were also new plant introductions that kept the exhibit abuzz with interest. One big crowd-pleaser was *Geranium phaeum* 'Samobor', which was recently brought over from the Yugoslavian regions of Croatia and Bosnia. This perennial geranium captivated viewers with its rosy lavender flowers and leaves graced with splotches of dark maroon at their centers.

To date, there are 70 woody plants with the Gold Medal Plant distinction.

—By Pamela Vu

For more on Gold Medal plants, see our November 1999 *Green Scene* magazine, or to receive a listing of the suppliers, visit our website at *www.libertynet.org/phs* and click on "Gold Medal Plant Award Program." Support of the Gold Medal Plant Award program is also provided by the Chanticleer Foundation.

You can also request information on past Gold Medal Plant winners by mail. Send your requests to: Susie Wilmerding, Shows Department, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495.

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A Commitment to Education

Education at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society means many things to many people. To a new member, it may mean the opportunity to order books from the McLean Library; to a participant in Philadelphia Green, our urban greening program, it could be the opportunity to enjoy several sessions as a Tree Tender; and for others it's the thrill of touring gardens in and around Philadelphia or way beyond.

Since Eva Ray was named manager of the Education Services department in the autumn of 1998, she and a team of staff and volunteers have been reviewing all our education endeavors. The focus of their work has been towards providing a range of information and activities for all our constituents, be they would-be gardeners, enthusiastic amateurs, or professionals. In that light, let me offer grateful thanks to the **Education Services committee** volunteers, who represent a variety of interests at PHS: *Rhuna Bhattacharya, Iris Brown, Hayward Ford, Anne Kellett, Nancy Greenwood, Margaret Krengel, Adam Levine, Linda Lipson, Patsy McLaughlin, Elizabeth McLean, Eva Monheim, Martha Morris, Terry Mushovic, Regina O'Brien Thomas, Lee Morris Raden, Ann Reed, Danielle Rice, Patricia Sanders, Larry Stier, Mary Ann Thomas,* and *Christopher Woods.*

The **McLean Library** is one of our best resources for gardeners of all levels, and over the past year, a committee led by Martha Morris and librarian Janet Evans have been discussing how the library can best serve our constituents in the new millennium. Today, libraries are not only physical spaces, but also "virtual libraries" where technology enables access day and night, thanks to the Internet. Our challenge, like that of many other libraries, is to figure out how we can, with limited resources, adapt the library to the changing technology.

Sally Kutyla, Program Activities coordinator, is experimenting with ways to attract new audiences and make our events as convenient and accessible as possible. We will continue our ever-popular **garden visits**, **evening lectures** and **Brown Bag Lunches** at PHS, as well as field trips and the "at-home" series. In addition, look for family programs and early evening programs at PHS in the summer. Our off-site events offer members the opportunity to visit some of the area's most beautiful spots, such as **Chanticleer** and **Meadowbrook**, two of our best-loved local gardens. We are also looking into additional sites where we can collaborate with other cultural organizations.

Program Events are also under the Education department and Flossie Narducci, Program Events manager, is meeting with discussion groups on two other concepts that arose from the Strategic Plan. The first is to expand the **City Gardens Contest** into a regional contest; the other, to bring new life and meaning to the Junior Flower Show—recently renamed as the **Kids Grow Expo**—an event designed to encourage the gardeners of tomorrow.

To help community groups improve their neighborhoods through horticulture, the **Philadelphia Green Outreach** department, under the leadership of Patricia Schrieber, offers training courses to build horticultural and organizing skills. For those interested in learning about tree care, there's **Tree Tenders**. For neighborhood groups interested in turning vacant lots into community gardens, there's **Garden Tenders** training, which covers a broad range of topics from gaining permission to use a site to basic gardening skills. For teachers interested in conducting tree education programs in schools, there's **Adopt-A-School Project**. Whatever your horticultural education needs may be, at PHS we try to meet them.

As members of the Society, we welcome your suggestions regarding the kind of information and education services we should provide. If you have thoughts on education you would like to share, please let Eva Ray know at **215-988-8770** or send her an email at ***eray@pennhort.org***

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper, President

A Touch of Beauty

Boehm Porcelain and PHS team up to offer the finest in porcelain art

Boehm Porcelain is the world's premier creator of porcelain sculpture, and by purchasing a Boehm collectible you will be contributing to the Society's programs, including Philadelphia Green. To place your order of the first in a series of collectible, limited edition flowers, please see the insert in this edition of the *News.*

The McLean Library Surfs into the Future

With the February launch of The WiredGardener, our FREE monthly email newsletter, the "Bookends" can now be sent to interested members via the Internet. In addition to new books, The WiredGardener will include: **capsule reviews of gardening and greening websites; announcements of gardening events at PHS and in the Philadelphia area; sources for finding more horticultural information on the web.**

If you do not have email and would like to continue to receive notification of new books in the McLean Library by mail, please phone Jane Alling, Public Services librarian at 215-988-8772 with your name and address.

Over the next few months, we will also be re-thinking the McLean Library website (*www.libertynet.org/phs/phslibrary.html*) and adding more innovative features. If you have suggestions for our website, please contact Library manager Janet Evans. You can email her at *jevans@pennhort.org* or call 215-988-8779.

How to Get The WiredGardener

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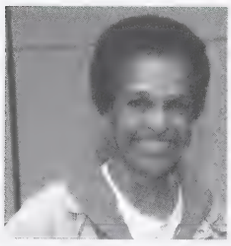
In The Spotlight: Doris Gwaltney



Doris Gwaltney is someone who makes things happen. As an active member of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board and Philadelphia Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., Doris is a community advocate through and through. She was also named Carroll Park's 'Volunteer of the Year' in 1998, and has represented Philadelphia Green at the Urban Parks Institute Conference (organized by the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund).

But it is at Carroll Park (58th and Girard Avenue) where Doris' work is most visible. "A group of us called the Carroll Park Neighbors come out every Monday, Wednesday, and third Saturday to do general cleanup work," says Doris, who has lived in the neighborhood for over 50 years. "And on Wednesdays, we get extra help from the Park Patrol made up of neighborhood students. We want our Park to shine and sparkle, but it takes a lot of work and every person helps."

Doris adds, "After decades of neglect, the Park is seeing better days. In October 1998, the community came together and in one day, we built a beautiful playground. This year, we hope to put in new paving and an exercise path for visitors to enjoy."

Knowing Doris, it's clear that her passion and conviction have contributed greatly to improvements in Carroll Park, her community, and well beyond.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

- We have a long list of generous retailers who offer a ten percent discount to PHS members throughout the year. To take advantage of these shopping discounts, present your PHS membership card before the sale is rung up on the cash register.
- Another benefit for PHS members is the **Reciprocal Admissions Program**, administered by the American Horticultural Society. This program includes over 125 arboreta, botanical gardens, and conservatories throughout the United States with a few in Canada. Each offers free admission or a discount at the gift shop. Remember to have your membership card handy.

The listings for the 2000 Reciprocal Admissions Program and the names of retailers who offer members discounts are ready. To receive your copy, please write or call Membership (215-988-8776 or 215-988-8832).

Challenge Classes for the 2000 Harvest Show

Challenge Class exhibitors must grow their entries from uniform materials. Entries will be judged on quality, size, and condition of plants and on the overall appearance of the container. Only one plant per container is permitted. Limited quantities of seeds are available from PHS. Here are the Challenge Class seeds for this year: (220) Dark Opal Basil; (221) 'Birdie Mix' miniature tomatoes; (222) Nasturtium 'Top Flight Orange.'

Registration deadline is July 1. Send your request for seeds by mail to: Harvest Show Challenge Seeds, c/o Susie Wilmerding, Shows Department, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 N. 20th St., 5th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495.

2000 Woody Plant Conference for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries

This popular conference will be held at **Swarthmore College** on **Friday, July 28, 9am - 4pm**. The Scott Arboretum provides a rich, horticultural backdrop for woody plant enthusiasts attending the conference.

Speakers include: Dan Hinkley, Heronswood Nursery, Kingston , WA; Roy Lancaster, Hampshire, England; Richard Lighty, Kennett Square, PA; Deborah Smith-Fiola, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Toms River, NJ; Chris Strand, Green Spring Garden Park, Alexandria, VA.

Sponsors include: Longwood Gardens, Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and Tyler Arboretum. Brochures will be available in May. If you would like to receive one, please check the box on the reservation form (on the back page) or email Sally Kutyla at *skutyla@pennhort.org*. Attendees of the 1999 Conference will automatically receive a brochure.

Discover Hidden Treasures in the Delaware Valley

We extend our thanks to the generous garden owners who have invited PHS members to visit their gardens this spring.

May 7: Chester County. Join us on our tour of six private gardens in Chester County from Malvern to Pottstown. These Country gardens will showcase collections of pulmonarias, rhododendrons, bonsai, herbs, and wildflowers, with space to spare for garden houses, fields of flowers, and water features.

Due to the distances between gardens, this is an ambitious tour for our regular tour hours. **So, for this tour *only*, the gardens will be open from 11am to 5pm.** On May 21st and June 11th, the tour hours will be noon to 5pm.

May 21: Main Line. We'll visit seven private gardens, which are 30 to 50 years old. We'll see woodsy areas and quiet nooks containing wonderful horticultural gems and secret pathways to explore.

June 11: New Jersey (Medford to Cherry Hill). Roses, perennials, herbs, and orchids are some of the "gardeners passions" we'll see on this day. We've also been invited to tour private "courtyard" gardens and the Lewis W. Barton Arboretum & Nature Preserve surrounding the Medford Leas community.

Please order your tickets early. Out of courtesy to garden owners and to protect the gardens from excess traffic, **PHS must limit registration for Garden Visits. Once the tours fill, tickets will not be available at the gardens.** Register using the form on the back page. ($5 per member; $25 for guests; free for children under five.) Maps and travel directions, descriptions of the gardens, and entrance tags will be mailed 10 days before each tour.

Activities and Events

Japanese Dry Garden

The Pagoda Building · Bala Cynwyd, PA
Saturday May 6, 10am - noon

Jack Miller, known for his moss garden in Collegeville, renovated this Japanese dry garden five years ago and has stayed on as the garden's caretaker. He'll lead a tour of the garden, which features a dry pond and waterfall, bridges, moss, bamboo, Japanese maples, and conifers. **Douglas Roth**, publisher of the *Journal of Japanese Gardening*, will demonstrate traditional Japanese pruning techniques. After logging more than 2,500 pruning hours during his five-year apprenticeship in Japan, Roth was the first foreigner ever licensed to practice gardening in Japan. In this demonstration, he will prepare a Japanese black pine for installation. Fee: $ 15; $12 PHS members.

From Seed to Site: Growing Collected Plants

Morris Arboretum · Philadelphia, PA
Wednesday, May 17, 5:30 - 7:30pm

Observe how plants go from seeds collected from the wild to plants incorporated into the garden. **Anthony Aiello**, curator and director of horticulture at the Morris Arboretum, will guide us through the growing process—from the propagation greenhouses and hoop houses where plants are grown, out into the Arboretum, where they are used in a variety of landscape settings. Fee: $12. Members only.

Workshop: Captivating Containers

Thursday, May 18, 10:00 - 11:30am or 1:00 - 2:30pm
Concordville, PA

Go beyond the ordinary and create a masterful container garden in this workshop at J. Franklin Styer Nurseries. Styer's horticulturists **Cindi Kistler** and **Theresa Rowan** will show you how to plant a 16-inch terra-cotta pot with unusual blooming annuals. All materials will be provided along with tips on caring for your container garden. *Mark your choice of morning or afternoon session on the registration form.* Classes limited to 20. Fee: $75. Members only.

Growing PHS Gold Medal Plants

Wednesday, May 24, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Horticulturist **Laurel Voran** will discuss the ornamental qualities and culture of PHS Gold Medal Plants growing at Chanticleer. A garden walk and slide presentation will introduce you to these excellent plants. Program limit 20. Fee: $18; $15 members.

At Home: Conquering the Hillside

Tuesday, June 6, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Malvern, PA

When the Northrops purchased this challenging hillside in Chester County, the fields were depleted by corn and divided by black walnuts. They began gardening at the top of the property and have been slowly landscaping downhill. Stone walls have been added to create structure and to connect the garden areas. Stone steps lead from an herb garden near the crest of the hill, past a lily pond and dry shade garden, to a pergola in the lower garden. **Queenie Northrop** will lead our tour of her garden. Fee: $20; PHS members $15.

Workshop: English Hanging Baskets

Wednesday, June 7, 10:00am - noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Learn how to create a moss-lined hanging basket, reminiscent of those in English gardens, in this workshop led by **Nanci Walsh**. Each participant will line a 14" wire basket form with moss and plant it with their choice of blooming annuals. Nanci will guide you through the process of selecting plants and caring for your hanging garden. All materials will be provided. Fee: $60; PHS members $50.

Field Trip: Easton, Talbot County, MD

Tuesday, June 13, 7:00am - 6:15pm

The coves, creeks, and rivers of Maryland's eastern shore will never be far from view as we visit private gardens in Easton. Our tour will take us from a large estate garden with a commanding view of Trippe Creek to a sheltered cove with a garden of vegetables, old-fashioned flowers, and a shady woodland. We will have a box lunch at a garden on picturesque Ship's Head Creek. Specimen trees, perennial beds, a woodland walk, ornamental grasses, and sweeps of daylilies give this garden year-round appeal.

Fee of $75 ($65 for PHS members) includes bus transportation and lunch. Bus will pick up passengers at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and Center City. *Please indicate your choice on reservation form.*

Specialized Pruning: Espalier, Topiary and Hedges

Wednesday, June 14, 10:00am - noon
Meadowbrook, PA

The private garden of J. Liddon Pennock at Meadowbrook Farm features numerous examples of carefully trained plants. **Ted Zoltowski**, horticulturist at Meadowbrook Farm, will discuss the pruning methods and cultural techniques used in caring for these long-lived specimen plants. Fee: $20; PHS members $15.

Hedges and Screens

Wednesday, June 14, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Good fences make good neighbors. So the saying goes, but a well-designed grouping of interesting plants can provide a more creative and friendlier way to hide an undesirable view. In this walk with Chanticleer horticulturist **Peter Brindle**, you'll see a variety of plants used to define spaces and lend structure to the garden. Peter will discuss the characteristics of the plants used as hedges and screens, and offer tips on selecting the best plants for use in your landscape. Fee: $20; PHS members $15.

Flower Arranging from the Garden

Tuesday, June 20, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Lisa Crock, horticulturist at Chanticleer, will lead an arranging workshop designed for gardeners. Lisa will demonstrate design basics and how to incorporate elements from the garden, such as twigs, moss, and branches. Tips for conditioning flowers will be included. We'll create arrangements from an array of fresh flowers and foliage gathered at Chanticleer earlier in the day. Please bring clippers and a vase at least 6" high with an opening at least 3" in diameter. Fee: $25; PHS members $20.

Dealing with Difficult Shade

Wednesday, June 21, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Chanticleer horticulturist **Lisa Roper** will examine the challenges of growing woody and herbaceous plants in varying, and sometimes difficult, types of shade. She'll discuss site evaluation, soil amendments, plant selection, and offer suggestions for successful gardening in shady situations. Fee: $20; PHS members $15.

Papermaking Workshop

Tuesday, June 27, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Winnie Radolan, whose papermaking demonstration captivated a PHS Brown Bag Lunch audience, will lead a papermaking workshop at Chanticleer. Winnie will show you how to create sheets of handmade paper from the cellulose fibers found in everyday garden elements: iris and daylily leaves, cattail fluff, ornamental grasses, and simple vegetables. Learn how, when, and what to harvest, dry, cook, and pulp. Your finished sheets of paper can be used to create stationery, picture mats, or collage materials. Fee of $60 ($50 for PHS members) includes instruction and all workshop materials. Please bring a lunch.

Members Exclusive: Evening Garden Walk

Wednesday, July 12, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

PHS members will have the special opportunity to join Chanticleer executive director **Chris Woods** for an early evening walk through the estate of Chanticleer. Highlights of mid-July include water gardens, summer-blooming perennials, vegetable and cutting gardens, and a courtyard lush with foliage, flowers, and the fragrance of rare tropical plants. Fee $15. For a virtual tour of the garden visit *www.chanticleergarden.org*

Container Gardening

Wednesday, July 19, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Container gardening at Chanticleer goes beyond the ordinary, mingling annuals, perennials, tropicals and subtropical plants in vibrant combinations. Horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** will discuss how to create successful container gardens and offer suggestions for plant combinations and uncommon containers. He'll also cover cultural concerns such as soil mixes, watering, and fertilization. Fee: $20; PHS members $15.

At Home: Summer Evening in the Garden

Thursday, July 20, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Malvern, PA

Join us for a leisurely visit to **Michael Bowell's** garden in Malvern. Our early evening tour will include the greenhouse and gardens, where in mid-summer, lush tropical plants take center stage. Flowering vines, colorful cannas, hibiscus, and fragrant brugmansias bring a feel of the tropics to Chester County. Michael will discuss his techniques for incorporating tropical plants into the summer garden, and how he stores these tender plants during the winter months. Fee: $20; PHS members $15.

Herbs at Chanticleer

Wednesday, July 26, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

The herbal plants used throughout the gardens at Chanticleer represent a rich horticultural tradition and influences from Asia, Western Europe and the Mediterranean. Chanticleer horticulturist **Laura Aiken** will lead a tour of the gardens and discuss the culture, uses, and heritage of these plants. Fee: $20; PHS members $15.

(Reservation Form on back page)

Elsewhere. . .

Native Plant Sale, Saturday, May 6, 2000, in St. Peter's Village, PA off Rte 23 Chester City, from 10am-4pm. Benefits the Delaware Riverkeeper Network *www.delawareriverkeeper.org.* For details, please call 215-369-1188.

The Garden Conservancy will have a Spring Open Day in Philadelphia, Saturday, May 13, 10am-3pm. Visit seven gardens in Chestnut Hill. Tickets are $4 for admission to each garden or $25 to all gardens. For information, contact the Garden Conservancy at 888-842-2442 (toll free). Tickets and maps will be available the day of the tour at 9002 Crefeld Street and 606 St. Andrews Road.

Montgomery County Master Gardener Annual Plant Sale, May 20, 2000, 9am-noon. Come rain or shine to the Montgomery County Cooperative Extension, 4-H Center on Rte 113 between Rtes 73 and 29. Contact 610-489-4315 for more information.

MAKE THE CONVENTION CONNECTION THIS SUMMER!

Philadelphia 2000, the host committee for the 2000 Republican National Convention, needs 10,000 volunteers to lend a hand with the Convention this summer.

Volunteer positions include greeters, hosts/hostesses, interpreters, tour guides, media specialists, registration, information desk, drivers, security, and others.

The eyes of the world will be on Philadelphia this summer and we need you to help us shine! Please call 215-686-0352 or find us at *www.philadelphia2000.org* and volunteer today!

Philadelphia 2000 is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization made up of business and political leaders.

Volunteers Needed for Garden Writers' Conference

The Garden Writers Association of America (GWAA) needs volunteers who are willing to help out at "G2K"—the national symposium to be held in Philadelphia from September 15 - 19.

Act as a greeter at one of the many historic and private garden tours planned; be a door person at symposium sessions; help with car-pool coordination; or stuff envelopes before the event.

This national symposium offers a chance to showcase the Philadelphia area—the cradle of American horticulture—before scores of gardening writers and promoters from all over the US and Canada. Please contact Ellen Spector Platt by email at *mlark@mail.ptd.net* and include your name, address, phone number and email address. Also note the day(s) which you will be available.

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ACTIVITIES AND EVENT RESERVATIONS FORM

Fill out and mail or fax to: **PHS Activities, attn: Sally Kutyla, 100 North 20th ST., 5th Floor, Phila., PA 19103-1495; fax: 215-988-8810**. Please include full payment. Call 215-988-8775 or 8869. ***Confirmations for all events will be mailed, except for Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series.*** Travel directions will be mailed for events away from PHS. **Refunds and cancellations:** If you withdraw from an event, the following fees will apply:

One-day Field Trips—$5 fee, provided the request is received at least 5 days before event. (No refund if less than 5 days.)
All Other Events—$3 fee, provided the request is received at least 5 days before event. (No refund if less than 5 days.)

Japanese Dry Garden 5/6
Fee $ 15 _____
$12 Members _____

Plant Collecting 5/17
Members Only. Fee $12 _____

Workshop: Captivating Containers 5/18
Members Only. Fee: $75
10:00 - 11:30am _____
or 1:00 - 2:30pm _____

Gold Medal Plants 5/24
Fee $18 _____
$15 Members _____

At Home: Northrop Garden 6/6
Fee $20 _____
$15 Members _____

Workshop: Moss Baskets 6/7
Fee $60 _____
$50 Members _____

Field Trip: Easton, MD 6/13
Fee $75 _____
$65 Members _____
Pick-up location:
Hort. Center or Center City (circle one)

Specialized Pruning at Meadowbrook Farm 6/14
Fee $20 _____
$15 Members _____

Hedges and Screens at Chanticleer 6/14
Fee $20 _____
$15 Members _____

Workshop: Flower Arranging 6/20
Fee $25 _____
$20 Members _____

Difficult Shade 6/21
Fee: $20 _____
$15 Members _____

Workshop: Papermaking 6/27
Fee $60 _____
$50 Members _____

Evening Garden Walk at Chanticleer 7/12
Members Only. Fee $15 _____

Container Gardening 7/19
Fee $20 _____
$15 Members _____

TOTAL: $ _____

At Home: Bowell Garden 7/20
Fee $20 _____
$15 Members _____

Chanticleer Herbs 7/26
Fee $20 _____
$15 Members _____

Garden Visits
(Free for children under five)

Chester County, PA
Sunday, May 7, 11:00am - 5:00pm
Members $5 _____ Guests $25 _____

Main Line, PA
Sunday, May 21, noon - 5:00pm
Members $5 _____ Guests $25 _____

New Jersey: Medford to Cherry Hill
Sunday, June 11, noon - 5:00pm
Members $5 _____ Guests $25 _____

Conference on Woody Plants 7/28
❒ Please send me a brochure.

NAME: _____ Member ID # _____
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THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

Chanticleer's Lavish "Garden Ruin"

With his signature Hawaiian shirt, khaki shorts and straw hat, Chris Woods, executive director of Chanticleer, has gained a reputation as a gardening maverick. At a time when gardens are becoming more formalized and instructive, Woods is relying on aesthetics to capture the public's imagination. This past April, The Garden Ruin, a breathtaking folly reminiscent of English estate gardens of the 18th century, made its debut at Chanticleer. Fortunately for many PHS members, Chanticleer is practically in our backyard.

This privately owned, 30-acre pleasure garden is more than just a pretty site. It offers internship and educational programs to budding horticulturists as well. And since the 1980s, PHS members have been fortunate to be able to take advantage of many aspects of Chanticleer. In addition to serving as the ideal working classroom for local gardeners, Chanticleer has played host to the annual Flower Show Summer Party and other member events. Support of PHS's Gold Medal Plant Award program is also provided by the Chanticleer Foundation.

"Chanticleer allows our members the opportunity to learn about horticulture in a garden, thanks to the many walks, tours, and workshops offered," says Sally Kutyla, PHS program activities coordinator. "Chris has been instrumental in this process. And because he's traveled worldwide, he has brought many new ideas back to the garden, constantly challenging the concept of what a garden should be. It truly is one of the most dynamic gardens around, and we're pleased Chanticleer has invited us to visit."

As a special bonus, PHS members can visit Chanticleer free of charge. Chanticleer is located at 786 Church Road, Wayne, PA, and is open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10am-5pm, through Oct. 28. The garden stays open until 8pm on Fridays in June, July, and August. 610-687-4163. For directions and more information, go to *www.chanticleergarden.org.*

- Pamela Vu

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Insightful Reports on Vacant Land

Vacant land in Philadelphia has long been a topic of conversation at PHS. As fast as we could help community groups build gardens, it seemed that nearby houses were being abandoned and new vacant lots were filling up with trash. The figures speak for themselves—according to a study done by the City Planning Commission, since 1987, the number of vacant lots in Philadelphia has doubled from 15,000 to 31,000. In the past few months, Mayor Street and his administration have taken steps to advance ideas for dealing with blight. You may have read about the removal of abandoned cars and perhaps about the report of the Transition Team on blight. Blaine Bonham, PHS's executive vice president, served as one of four co-chairs on the Transition Team's committee on blight in Philadelphia. Many of the recommendations in the committee's report regarding vacant land stem from work PHS has done through its Philadelphia Green program in the past few years.

In 1995, we produced ***Urban Vacant Land: Issues and Recommendations***, a report surveying policies in America's older cities, many of which face problems with abandoned land similar to those of Philadelphia. As a companion piece to this initial study, we recently issued ***Vacant Land Management in Philadelphia Neighborhoods: Cost/Benefit Analysis*** conducted by our consultants Fairmount Ventures. This study noted that Philadelphia currently spends $1.8 million each year to clean and maintain lots, but has little to show for the effort. With an investment of $106.7 million over 20 years, however, the City can solve the problem while generating $158.7 million in benefits over the same time period. If nothing is done, on the other hand, the City will spend a cumulative $49.6 million over 20 years without arresting the problem.

Included in the recommendations in the initial 1995 study was a proposed neighborhood-based approach to vacant land management. The following year, with funding from the City's Office of Housing and Community Development, Philadelphia Green partnered with the New Kensington Community Development Corporation (NKCDC) to initiate the **New Kensington project**—an open space management plan. Over the past four years, NKCDC has transformed almost 50% of the neighborhood's 1,100 previously unmanaged lots from neighborhood blight to neighborhood assets.

Building on the New Kensington experience, we also issued ***An Asset Management Approach to Vacant Land: A Pilot Program for Eastern North Philadelphia***, which examined a larger target area that contains almost 7,000 vacant lots. The report concluded that the City can manage and maintain a significant portion of this vacant land, provided it does the following: establish an office of vacant land management to simplify bureaucratic processes; involve community-based organizations as agents for the City; and work with corporations, foundations and other levels of government to leverage funding.

This pilot program presents an ambitious agenda, but we believe that the findings from such a program would greatly enhance the City's potential for developing an overall policy for dealing with the issue of vacant land. If you would like to receive PHS's vacant land management reports, please contact John Gannon at 215-988-8809.

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper, President

Special Bulb Classes Announced for the 2001 Philadelphia Flower Show

Thinking about entering the Horticulture Classes at next year's Philadelphia Flower Show? Why not try your hand at growing these newly announced additions to the bulb classes.

Novice Class (open to anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in the Horticulture Classes at the Philadelphia Flower Show prior to 2001)

- *Narcissus* 'Tete-a-Tete,' in a 6" azalea pot.
- *Narcissus* 'Jumblie' (Miniature), in a 6" azalea pot.
- *Narcissus* 'Lugano' (Trumpet, Division I), in an 8" azalea pot.
- Any American Daffodil Society Division V (Triandrus) *Narcissus*, in an 8" azalea pot.
- Any *Narcissus* not listed above (excluding Division V), in an 8" azalea pot.
- *Tulipa* 'Couleur Cardinal' (Triumph), in an 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.
- *Hyacinthus* 'Skyjacket', in an 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.

Bulb Challenge Class

- Any *Ipheion*, in a 6" pot.

Note: All these bulbs must be grown and shown in pots of the size specified. Look for more information and an entry form in the 2001 Philadelphia Flower Show Exhibitor's Guide. The guide will be mailed to PHS members in early fall.

In the Spotlight: Irene Slater & Elizabeth Farley

When it comes to fabulous duos, Rodgers & Hammerstein or Ginger Rogers & Fred Astaire come to mind. At PHS, we think of Irene Slater and Elizabeth Farley. As Hotline volunteers, they have helped hundreds of gardeners with questions that range from tree care to how to plant bulbs to designing a pergola. As co-chairs of Nomenclature for the Philadelphia Flower Show, they've earned their title as the "Queens of Nomenclature." Together, they have devoted more than a half century of service to the horticultural world. Individually, Irene and Elizabeth have touched those in the gardening community with their knowledge of plants and willingness to share this knowledge.

Described as a "do-it-all" person, Irene (*left photo*) has been known to don a judge's ribbon at the Flower Show and later to put on an apron and serve lunch to the other judges—all in the same day. She also volunteers at the Harvest Show and at the annual Plant Dividend. Awarded a Certificate of Merit for outstanding contributions to horticulture in 1999, Irene says that she especially enjoys working on the Hotline. "Some call in not because they have a specific question, instead they just want to share a gardening story with us. That's quite special," she adds.

Irene's (*right photo*) horticultural accomplishments are matched by Elizabeth's long list of active volunteerism. Having served on the McLean Library Committee for 21 years, as well as an active supporter of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS), the Philadelphia Botanical Club, and the Botany Department of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Elizabeth is "a veritable storehouse of horticultural knowledge," touts fellow Hotline volunteer Alan Slack.

Elizabeth notes, "As a Hotline volunteer, I'm always learning. In doing the research to people's questions, I find myself learning things I haven't come across before. And now with email, we're even busier than before."

Irene and Elizabeth are true horticultural powerhouses. Indeed, with smart and industrious volunteers like these, it's no wonder PHS has maintained its reputation as a horticultural leader in the Delaware Valley.

Volunteer at the PHILADELPHIA HARVEST SHOW

Harvest 2000... and Beyond
Saturday & Sunday,
September 16 - 17
Horticulture Center, Fairmount Park

Help make the 2000 Philadelphia Harvest Show another bountiful Show. If you'd like to work behind the scenes this year and will be available Wednesday through Sunday, September 13 – 17, please use this form or email *bgreene@pennhort.org* to tell us where and when you would like to help. Send to PHS, 100 N. 20th St.- 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495, Attn: Betty Greene.

Want to enter the Philadelphia Harvest Show?

Look for the 2000 Philadelphia Harvest Show Exhibitor's Guide in your mailboxes.

Sign me up to help at the Harvest Show!

Setup
Wednesday, 9/13 (9am - 4pm) ❒
Thursday, 9/14 (9am - 4pm) ❒

Horticulture Information Booth
Friday, 9/15 (4 - 7pm) ❒
Saturday, 9/16 (10am - 5pm) ❒
Sunday, 9/17 (10am -5pm) ❒

Entry Aides
Thursday, 9/14 (3:15 - 7pm) ❒
Friday, 9/15 (7:15-10am) ❒

Information Aides
Welcome and direct visitors.
Friday, 9/15 (3:30-5pm) ❒
(5:15-7:15pm) ❒
Saturday, 9/16 (9:30-noon) ❒
(noon-2:30pm) ❒
(2:30-5pm) ❒
Sunday, 9/17 (9:30-noon) ❒
(noon-2:30pm) ❒
(2:30-5pm) ❒

Youth Section Aides
Thursday, 9/14 (2 - 4:30pm) ❒
(4:30 - 7pm) ❒
Friday, 9/15 (7:30 - 10:30am) ❒
(4 - 7pm) ❒
Saturday, 9/16 (11am - 3pm) ❒
Sunday, 9/17 (11am - 3pm) ❒

Children's Activities
Saturday, 9/16 (11am - 4pm) ❒
Sunday, 9/17 (11am - 4pm) ❒

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(evening)

WANTED: New Exhibitors

Have you always wanted to enter that special *Narcissus* in the Philadelphia Flower Show, but didn't know if you had the right stuff? Good news: a new committee has been appointed to encourage you to do just that. According to Competitive Classes chair **Midge Ingersoll**, "Every year we have about 100 first-time exhibitors, and we want to encourage even more people to enter their plants and arrangements. This is not a one-shot effort, but a long-term campaign."

Chairing the committee will be **Susan Essick** for Arrangements and **Walt Fisher** for Horticulture. "Both Susan and Walt have exhibited at the Show for many years and know what anxieties and thrills exhibitors experience," said Ingersoll. "We want all those visitors who say 'I have a plant as good as that' to take the next step and see how easy it is to enter the competition."

The committee will begin by surveying first-time exhibitors along with past exhibitors to better understand why they've entered and what their experiences have been. Other charter members of the committee include: **Libby Hill, Sally Humphreys, Melinda Moritz, Lee Raden, Ann Reed,** and **Sandy Salkeld.**

If you would like more information on how to be an exhibitor or to offer comments, please contact either Susan Essick (610-566-8790 or fax: 856-914-9110) or Walt Fisher (tel: 610-525-5081 or email at *walt7193@worldnet.att.net*).

Members' Annual Plant Dividend

Friday, September 15, 4 – 7pm &
Saturday, September 16, 10am – 5pm

The Annual Plant Dividend will be held during the Philadelphia Harvest Show at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park. This is a great way to acquire unusual, hard-to-find plants and enjoy the company of fellow PHS members. For each associate membership, select a complimentary plant; for household memberships and above, choose three plants. Plants are available on a first-come, first-served basis. We're sorry we're unable to set aside plants or take telephone orders. Present your membership card to speed your way through the registration area.

In addition to a variety of interesting houseplants, perennials, shrubs, and trees, the selection will include PHS Gold Medal Plant Award winners. Plants for the Dividend are grown and donated by PHS members and other professional growers in the area. Those who have donated plants or who are upper category members are invited to stop by on Friday, between 1 - 4pm, to select their bonus plants. The Dividend will open to all PHS members between 4 – 7pm during Friday's Opening Celebration of the Philadelphia Harvest Show, and Saturday during Show hours. **Note: the Dividend will not be open on Sunday.**

Many thanks to the 2000 Plant Dividend co-chairs **Sandy Salkeld** and **Linda E. Mills** for organizing this event, and to the Members Committee for their hard work. Lists of donors and plants will be included in the Philadelphia Harvest Show ticket mailing in August.

If you'd like to donate plants for the Plant Dividend, please call Sally Kutyla (215) 988-8775 or email *skutyla@pennhort.org*, or check the appropriate box on the reservation form on the back page.

2000 Perennials Conference for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries

Friday, October 20, 2000, 9 – 4pm

This fall, the Perennials Conference is moving to a Friday. Be sure to save this date so you don't miss the opportunity to learn more about garden design, how to photograph, grow, and market perennials.

Mary Keen from The Old Rectory in Gloucestershire, England will open the conference. Other speakers include: **Darrel Apps** of Bridgeton, NJ; **Pierre Bennerup** of Kensington, CT; **David Culp** of Downington, PA; **Alan Detrick** of Glen Rock, NJ; **Judith Jones** of Gold Bar, WA; and **Lynn Purse** of Pittsburgh, PA.

The conference will be held in the Performing Arts Center at Swarthmore College. Advance registration is required. Conference brochures will be ready in late July. Those who have attended the conference during the past few years will automatically receive a brochure through the mail. If you need a brochure, please check the box on the reservation form (on the back page) or email *skutyla@pennhort.org* after July 20. The conference fills quickly, so we advise you to register as soon as you receive your brochure.

REGISTER NOW for the 2000 Woody Plant Conference

Friday, July 28, 2000, 9am-4pm
Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College

Mark your calendar for this year's Woody Plant Conference. Speakers include **Dan Hinkley**, Heronswood Nursery, Kingston, WA; **Roy Lancaster**, Hampshire, England; **Richard Lighty**, Kennett Square, PA; **Deborah Smith-Fiola**, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Toms River, NJ; and **Chris Strand**, Green Spring Garden Park, Alexandria, VA.

This conference is jointly sponsored by Longwood Gardens, Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and Tyler Arboretum. If you would like to receive a brochure, please check the box on the reservation form (on back page) or email Sally Kutyla at *skutyla@pennhort.org*. Attendees of the 1999 Conference will automatically receive a brochure.

Elsewhere ...

The 10th Annual Native Plants in the Landscape Conference will be held June 8-10, 2000, at Millersville University, Lancaster County, PA. This year's conference will focus on relationships between native plants and the land ethic. Famous native plant sale, expert plenary speakers, a variety of break-out sessions, optional field trips, and much more! For registration information, contact the Department of Continuing Education, Millersville University, at 717-872-3030, fax: 717-871-2022, email: *roma.sayre@millersv.edu.*

"Shakespeare in Bloom," a fun-filled Elizabethan Festival will take place on Saturday, June 10, 2000, 10-4pm in Cedarbrook Park, Plainfield, NJ. Activities include tours of the garden, period music, artists from the duCrete School of Art, a lecture by Cyrus Hyde of Well-Sweep Farm, and more. No admission charge. Please call 908-541-0450 for more information.

The Shambhala Center of Philadelphia (2030 Sansom Street) is offering a two-day workshop June 17 & 18, 2000, on **ikebana**, the Japanese contemplative discipline of flower arranging. Each student will create 2 – 3 arrangements per day working in basic forms and variations. Number of participants is limited. Please contact Kris Stinson at 215-482-8582 or email *krisstinson@yahoo.com* to pre-register.

The Hardy Plant Society/Mid-Atlantic Group will hold a vendor plant sale on Saturday, August 26, 2000, at Frazer Mennonite Church (Route 30, Frazer, PA). Hours are 10 am - noon, Plant Society members only; noon - 2 pm, public welcome. For more information, please call Wendy Quereau at 610-688-7199 or email: *rcham24311@aol.com* .

Flower Show Shoppe News

Missed out on a Flower Show mug, sweatshirt, or a great gardening hat? Come June 15th you'll be able to purchase Shoppe items found at this year's Show. Most of the items are sold at substantial savings!

With the cooperation of the Valley Forge Collection Gardener's Outlet, PHS's Flower Show Shoppe products have a home away from the Show. The Outlet is a new retail store offering beautiful garden and home décor including planters, stone statuary, wrought iron, and antiques as well as unique architectural treasures and gifts.

We're located in Norristown, PA, at the Logan Square Shopping Center on Route 202 South, corner of Markley Street and Johnson Highway. Tel: 610-277-7800, or visit us at *www.valleyforgecollection.com* Hours: Wed through Fri, 10 - 6pm; Sat, 10 – 4pm; Sun, noon –4pm.

New Seasons for *Green Scene*

Starting this August, PHS's ***Green Scene*** magazine will assume a new publishing schedule for your enjoyment.

What does this all mean for you? It means that, following this summer's July issue, *Green Scene* will appear in your mailbox at the beginning of the following months: August, October, December, February, April, and June. This allows us to publish issues that better coincide with such seasonal events as the autumn harvest, the winter holidays, and more. Better still, the Flower Show issue - now with a February cover date - will come out a full month before the Show begins. I hope you're as excited about this new schedule as we are.

– Pete Prown, editor

Learn about Flower Arranging in July's *Green Scene*!

Keep an eye out for the special July edition of *Green Scene* magazine, which is completely devoted to the art of flower arranging. Experts from across our region will cover many exciting subjects, from "the basics" to winter arranging to the complexities of Japanese ikebana. You'll even find out where the pros get their stunningly fresh flowers...as well as learn their secrets on assembling them.

If you would like to upgrade your membership to receive *Green Scene* as part of your membership, call the PHS Membership Office at (215) 988-8876. For single-copy sales, call (215) 988-8769 or email *pholland@pennhort.org.*

Activities and Events

At Home: Conquering the Hillside

Tuesday, June 6, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Malvern, PA

When the Northrops purchased this challenging hillside in Chester County, the fields were depleted by corn and divided by black walnuts. They began gardening at the top of the property and have been slowly landscaping downhill. Stone walls have been added to create structure and to connect the garden areas. Stone steps lead from an herb garden near the crest of the hill, past a lily pond and dry shade garden, to a pergola in the lower garden. **Queenie Northrop** will lead our tour of her garden. Fee: $20; PHS members $15.

Workshop: English Hanging Baskets

Wednesday, June 7, 10:00am - noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Learn how to create a moss-lined hanging basket, reminiscent of those in English gardens, in this workshop led by **Nanci Walsh**. Each participant will line a 14" wire basket form with moss and plant it with their choice of blooming annuals. Nanci will guide you through the process of selecting plants and caring for your hanging garden. All materials will be provided. Fee: $60; PHS members $50.

Field Trip: Easton, Talbot County, MD

Tuesday, June 13, 7:00am - 6:15pm

The coves, creeks, and rivers of Maryland's eastern shore will never be far from view as we visit private gardens in Easton. Our tour will take us from a large estate garden with a commanding view of Trippe Creek to a sheltered cove with a garden of vegetables, old-fashioned flowers, and a shady woodland. We will have a box lunch at a garden on picturesque Ship's Head Creek. Specimen trees, perennial beds, a woodland walk, ornamental grasses, and sweeps of daylilies give this garden year-round appeal.

Fee of $75 ($65 for PHS members) includes bus transportation and lunch. Bus will pick up passengers at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and Center City. Please indicate your choice on reservation form.

Specialized Pruning: Espalier, Topiary and Hedges

Wednesday, June 14, 10:00am - noon
Meadowbrook, PA

The private garden of J. Liddon Pennock at Meadowbrook Farm features numerous examples of carefully trained plants. **Ted Zoltowski**, horticulturist at Meadowbrook Farm, will discuss the pruning methods and cultural techniques used in caring for these long-lived specimen plants. Fee: $20; PHS members $15.

Hedges and Screens

Wednesday, June 14, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Good fences make good neighbors. So the saying goes, but a well-designed grouping of interesting plants can provide a more creative and friendlier way to hide an undesirable view. In this walk with Chanticleer horticulturist **Peter Brindle**, you'll see a variety of plants used to define spaces and lend structure to the garden. Peter will discuss the characteristics of the plants used as hedges and screens, and offer tips on selecting the best plants for use in your landscape. Fee: $20; PHS members $15.

Flower Arranging from the Garden

Tuesday, June 20, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Lisa Crock, horticulturist at Chanticleer, will lead an arranging workshop designed for gardeners. Lisa will demonstrate design basics and how to incorporate elements from the garden, such as twigs, moss, and branches. Tips for conditioning flowers will be included. We'll create arrangements from an array of fresh flowers and foliage gathered at Chanticleer earlier in the day. Please bring clippers and a vase at least 6" high with an opening at least 3" in diameter. Fee: $25; PHS members $20.

Dealing with Difficult Shade

Wednesday, June 21, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Chanticleer horticulturist **Lisa Roper** will examine the challenges of growing woody and herbaceous plants in varying, and sometimes difficult, types of shade. She'll discuss site evaluation, soil amendments, plant selection, and offer suggestions for successful gardening in shady situations. Fee: $20; PHS members $15.

Activities and Events

Papermaking Workshop

Tuesday, June 27, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Winnie Radolan, whose papermaking demonstration captivated a PHS Brown Bag Lunch audience, will lead a papermaking workshop at Chanticleer. Winnie will show you how to create sheets of handmade paper from the cellulose fibers found in everyday garden elements: iris and daylily leaves, cattail fluff, ornamental grasses, and simple vegetables. Learn how, when, and what to harvest, dry, cook, and pulp. Your finished sheets of paper can be used to create stationery, picture mats, or collage materials. Fee of $60 ($50 for PHS members) includes instruction and all workshop materials. Please bring a lunch.

Members Exclusive: Evening Garden Walk

Wednesday, July 12, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

PHS members will have the special opportunity to join Chanticleer executive director **Chris Woods** for an early evening walk through the estate of Chanticleer. Highlights of mid-July include water gardens, summer-blooming perennials, vegetable and cutting gardens, and a courtyard lush with foliage, flowers, and the fragrance of rare tropical plants. Fee $15. For a virtual tour of the garden visit www.chanticleergarden.org

Container Gardening

Wednesday, July 19, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Container gardening at Chanticleer goes beyond the ordinary, mingling annuals, perennials, tropicals and subtropical plants in vibrant combinations. Horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** will discuss how to create successful container gardens and offer suggestions for plant combinations and uncommon containers. He'll also cover cultural concerns such as soil mixes, watering, and fertilization. Fee: $20; PHS members $15.

At Home: Summer Evening in the Garden

Thursday, July 20, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Malvern, PA

Join us for a leisurely visit to **Michael Bowell's** garden in Malvern. Our early evening tour will include the greenhouse and gardens, where in mid-summer, lush tropical plants take center stage. Flowering vines, colorful cannas, hibiscus, and fragrant brugmansias bring a feel of the tropics to Chester County. Michael will discuss his techniques for incorporating tropical plants into the summer garden, and how he stores these tender plants during the winter months. Fee: $20; PHS members $15.

Herbs at Chanticleer

Wednesday, July 26, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

The herbal plants used throughout the gardens at Chanticleer represent a rich horticultural tradition and influences from Asia, Western Europe and the Mediterranean. Chanticleer horticulturist **Laura Aiken** will lead a tour of the gardens and discuss the culture, uses, and heritage of these plants. Fee: $20; PHS members $15.

Hard as Nails: Resilient Plants for Your Garden

Thursday, August 10, 6:00 – 8:00pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Dan Benarcik, Chanticleer horticulturist, will take us on a stroll around the gardens and discuss good plants for tough areas. In the course of our walk, we'll see trees, shrubs, annuals, and perennials thriving in difficult sites: wet, dry, compacted or sandy soils. Dan will suggest interesting plants appropriate for the problem spots in your garden. Fee: $20; PHS Members $15.

Sign Up Now!

There's still time to join us for the June 11th tour of New Jersey's best-kept gardens. Roses, perennials, herbs, and orchids are some of the "gardeners' passions" we'll see on this day. We've also been invited to tour private "courtyard" gardens and the Lewis W. Barton Arboretum and Nature Preserve surrounding the Medford Leas community. Tour hours are noon to 5pm.

Please order your tickets early. Out of courtesy to garden owners and to protect the gardens from excess traffic, PHS must limit registration for Garden Visits. If the tour fills, tickets will not be available at the gardens. Register using the form on the back page. ($5 per member; $25 for guests; free for children under five.) Maps and travel directions, descriptions of the gardens, and entrance tags will be mailed 10 days before each tour.

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ACTIVITIES and EVENTS RESERVATION FORM

Reservations are required for all PHS programs. Register by using the form below. Fax or mail completed form to: **PHS Activities, attn: S. Kutyla, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495; fax 215-988-8810**. Please include full payment. Reservations may also be made by phone. Call **215-988-8875** or **8869**. Please have a VISA or MasterCard ready. Confirmations for all events will be mailed (except Garden Visits and the Brown Bag Lunch Series). Travel directions will be mailed for events held away from PHS. Garden Visit entrance tags and travel directions will be mailed 10 days before each tour.

At Home: Northrop Garden 6/6
Fee $20 _____
$15 Members _____

Workshop: Moss Baskets 6/7
Fee $60 _____
$50 Members _____

Field Trip: Easton, MD 6/13
Fee $75 _____
$65 Members _____
Pick-up location: (circle one)
Horticulture Center or Center City

Specialized Pruning at Meadowbrook Farm 6/14
Fee $20 _____
$15 Members _____

Hedges and Screens at Chanticleer 6/14
Fee $20 _____
$15 Members _____

Workshop: Flower Arranging 6/20
Fee $25 _____
$20 Members _____

Difficult Shade 6/21
Fee $20 _____
$15 Members _____

Workshop: Papermaking 6/27
Fee $60 _____
$50 Members _____

Evening Garden Walk at Chanticleer 7/12
Members Only. Fee $15 _____

Container Gardening 7/19
Fee $20 _____
$15 Members _____

At Home: Bowell Garden 7/20
Fee $20 _____
$15 Members _____

Chanticleer Herbs 7/26
Fee $20 _____
$15 Members _____

Hard as Nails 8/10
Fee $20 _____
$15 Members _____

Garden Visit
(Free for children under five)

New Jersey: Medford to Cherry Hill
Sunday, 6/11, noon – 5pm
Members $5 _____
Guests $25 _____

TOTAL: $ _____

Please send me a brochure for:
❒ **Conference on Woody Plants** 7/28
❒ **Perennials Conference** 10/20
❒ I would like to donate plants for the **Plant Dividend**

NAME _____ Member ID # _____
If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name. GUEST _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP_____
TELEPHONE (day) _____ (evening) _____
Please provide your current phone number(s) so we may contact you if there are changes in scheduled activities.
METHOD OF PAYMENT: ❒ Check enclosed ❒ Please charge my VISA ❒ or MasterCard ❒
Name as it appears on credit card _____
*Card number _____ Expiration _____
(*Please reserve credit card use for purchases over $10)

Refunds, Cancellations, Wait List Policy: If you withdraw from an event, the following fees will apply: One-day Field Trips $5. All other events $3. Your request must be received at least 5 days before the event. (No refund if less than 5 days.) If a program fills, we will return your payment and add your name to the wait list. We will call you if space becomes available or if we are able to reschedule the program.

THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

The East Courtyard at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Landscape Art

Restoring the Grounds at the Philadelphia Museum of Art

Perched on a hill that overlooks the Schuylkill River, the Philadelphia Museum of Art is a gleaming jewel in the city's cultural crown. Not only is it a beloved hometown treasure, it's also a world-class museum attracting international attention with recent exhibits by icons like Cezanne, Delacroix, and contemporary master Jasper Johns.

The Museum sits on a vast, 25-acre parcel of land, but over the years, heavy usage and limited maintenance of the grounds have taken its toll. Recognizing the importance of the landscape surrounding the Museum, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the Fairmount Park Commission, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art have, over the past seven years, taken on the monumental task of rehabilitating the grounds to their original splendor. With Phases I and II of the project completed, the Museum landscape is looking more beautiful than ever.

A lush lawn and rows of 'Princeton Sentry' junipers were added to the landscape alongside the East steps of the Museum this spring.

As you ascend the East steps of the Museum (made famous in the 1976 film, *Rocky*), you are treated to a grand view of the Courtyard. Planted here are shrubs, perennials, and eight young empress trees (*Paulownia tomentosa*). If you take the Art Museum Drive, you'll also notice new plantings along this entrance.

This spring, a lush lawn and rows of columnar `Princeton Sentry' junipers were added to the areas bordering the East steps. In addition, the ramparts, once covered with nothing more than a few sickly trees and overgrown shrubs, now have new holly hedges, cherry trees, roses, and oakleaf hydrangea interplanted with perennials and annuals. The Eakin's Oval Plaza, at the base of the East steps, has also been repaved.

According to PHS president Jane Pepper, "The rehabilitation of the grounds of the Art Museum carries out our mission of improving public landscapes throughout the city. Key to the success of this project has been the partnership between PHS, the Fairmount Park Commission and the Museum, with guidance and inspiration from landscape architects Wallace, Roberts and Todd.

Looking ahead, we anticipate the investment of additional revenues from the city's capital budget to renovate other sections of the Museum landscape and also to completing the endowment fund PHS and the Art Museum are raising from private donors to ensure maintenance of the grounds for future generations."

—By Pamela Vu

Harvest 2000...and Beyond

As autumn paints the landscape with its deep rich colors, we hope Philadelphia gardeners will be gleaning produce from their harvest just in time for the annual **Philadelphia Harvest Show**. This year's Harvest Show theme—"Harvest 2000…and Beyond"—looks to the future of gardening.

At the Show, gardeners celebrate their bountiful homegrown harvest and compete for ribbons in horticulture, design, preserved products, and baked-goods categories. Others come to marvel at stunning floral and harvest displays; or shop in the newly expanded Harvest Marketplace. For the kids, there is pumpkin painting, scarecrow making, and miniature flower-arranging. This old-time country fair is truly a fun-filled outing for the whole family.

The 2000 Philadelphia Harvest Show will be held at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park on Saturday and Sunday, **September 16-17**. If you would like to display the best of your seasonal bounty, or to receive a Harvest Show booklet, please call Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897.

MARKETPLACE AT THE 2000 HARVEST SHOW

Visit our newly expanded Marketplace around the Centennial Fountain. With more than 30 vendors, you'll have plenty of cut flowers, garden furniture, statuary, and gifts from which to choose. A feature for members and visitors to the Marketplace, the **Harvest Show Shoppe** will offer new PHS merchandise, as well as super bargains on 2000 Philadelphia Flower Show items. Present your PHS membership card for additional discounts. New this year, the Shoppe will have for sale Gold Medal plants. Our friendly volunteers will be on hand at the Shoppe to help you with your shopping needs.

Enter a drawing and win a $75 gift certificate toward any Gold Medal Plants at Mostardi's Nursery in Newtown Square. Sign up at the Marketplace PHS booth (end of fountain) on Sunday at 4pm.

Marketplace hours:
Friday, Sept. 15, 1-7pm; Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 16-17, 10am-5pm.

PEPPERPOT

Growing for the Harvest Show

It's early June and so cold that I almost feel as if I'm back home in Scotland. But no, this is the Delaware Valley, and as usual at this time of year I'm torn between wanting it to be cool, like today, and in the 90s, like last week and probably tomorrow.

My annual anxiety over fluctuating spring temperatures is because the two most important crops in our garden flourish under opposite conditions. The Gardening Partner loves both peas and pole limas, but as you may know, peas thrive in cool temperatures while limas love the heat. This year our pea selections are two old favorites, Lincoln and Green Arrow, as well as Mr. Big, an experiment for 2000.

Pole limas, on the other hand, do their best when the rest of us are uncomfortably warm. Tonight's anticipated low temperature and damp, soggy soil will probably spell disaster for several seeds as they succumb to fungi. And, given our lack of back-up seeds, this is not the year for reluctant germination.

The Gardening Partner, you see, is a diehard fan of Dr. Martin, a big fat lima that sprouts overwhelming vines by late summer. Named for a dentist who lived near West Chester, PA, this lima has, for more than a decade, been grown commercially for a seed crop in New Jersey by PHS members John and Janet Gyer. Last summer, the Gyers left on a trip just as the drought and heat wave hit our area. When they returned three weeks later, they found the vines had shriveled. Late summer rains did give them a small crop of seeds, however, which they generously distributed to grateful customers like ourselves in packets of 10.

To the Gyers distribution I added seeds we had saved from last year's planting. And here I am in early June, fretting and fussing and hoping that they will germinate. The Gardening Partner, figuring some of his traditional challengers may not have big crops of limas this year due to the shortage of Dr. Martin seeds, has his hopes pinned on a blue ribbon at the Philadelphia Harvest Show. Depending on what you find in the lima bean class when you come to the Show, you will get a pretty good idea as to how things have gone this summer for the Pepper household. For some families, it's the beauty of the floral bounty that counts. In our house, it's all about the veggies.

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
President

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: ALDYS DAVIS

Known for her purple-basil jelly and assortment of homemade jams, Aldys Davis has been a regular exhibitor at the Philadelphia Harvest Show since 1982. A self-confessed Harvest Show addict, Aldys admits "Maybe it's because I grew up in the countryside or that it's just a wonderful time of the year. Whatever it is, I love the Harvest Show. Plus, you get to meet a wonderful cross section of gardeners from our area."

With the Harvest Show just weeks away, Aldys is up to her elbows preparing her jams, jellies, baked goods, and basket entries. Her past victories at the Harvest Show eventually led to entries in the Horticulture Classes at the Philadelphia Flower Show. In fact, her very first entry of begonias in the Novice Class won her a blue ribbon.

But it's not only about winning: for Aldys horticulture and gardening is a way to enrich the lives of others. For the past 25 years or so, she has been a volunteer at Melmark, a home for the mentally disabled in Berwyn. Here, she works one-on-one with residents to propagate plants, garden in containers, and take care of plants year-round. Clearly, gardening plays a part in many aspects of her busy life.

As for the Harvest Show, Aldys has had many triumphs, but it hasn't all been smooth sailing. She's occasionally had trouble with scale insects infesting her euphorbias and sweet bay (*Laurus nobilis*). Her husband Murdoch, in hopes of bringing her good luck, bought her a vanity plate that reads "No Scales." But somehow you get the feeling that luck has little to do with the Harvest Show success of this talented gardener.

2000 Kids Grow Expo "Rooted in Community"

Formerly known as the Junior Flower Show, the 2000 Kids Grow Expo came alive with creative showcases of art and horticulture this past May. Held at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park, this year's Kids Grow Expo "*Rooted in Community*" featured exceptional community service learning projects throughout Philadelphia.

Hundreds of artistic and horticultural displays were decked with prize-winning ribbons. Outside, the grounds were abuzz with horticulturally related games and activities. To promote awareness of horticulture and encourage youth participation, stations were set up for the more than 2,000 visitors who came—everything from games such as "Who Wants To Be an Environmentalist?" to demonstrations led by volunteers from Morris Arboretum, the Philadelphia Water Department, and Children's Seashore House. Students from the Horticulture Academy of Lincoln High School, University City High School, and Saul Agricultural High School were also on hand to lead tours and environmentally related activities.

For information on next year's Kids Grow Expo, please call Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897.

Note: Correction

In the *June/July PHS News*, the list of bulbs under the Novice Class is incorrect. Only the Narcissus `Tete-a-Tete,' to be grown and shown in a 6" azalea pot, is a Novice Class (open to anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in the Horticulture Classes in the Philadelphia Flower Show prior to 2001). All other named bulb classes are open to all exhibitors, including novices.

Harvest Show Shoppe

If you love people and enjoy selling, we hope you will volunteer to work with Bernice A. Murphy, chair of Volunteers for the Harvest Show Shoppe. We need you for sales and service, and set-up. If you are available anytime Wednesday through Sunday, September 13-17, please contact Shani Risien, Merchandising assistant, at 215-988-1613 or fax 215-988-8810 or email *srisien@pennhort.org*

Members' Annual Plant Dividend
Friday, September 15, 4-7pm
Saturday, 10-5pm

This is a good occasion to find rare or unusual plants, new introductions, and old standbys. Having your memebership card wil speed your progress through the registration area. If you'd like to donate plants for the Plant Dividend, call Sally Kutyla 215-988-8775 or email *skutyla@pennhort.org*, or check the box on the reservation form.

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES

By Betsy Gullan

Harvest Show Members' Opening Celebration:
The Opening Celebration, Friday, September 15, 4-7pm, at the Horticulture Center, is an informal gathering of members and their guests to view the Show before it opens to the public. Member volunteers serve wine, cider, and snacks. If you would like to give a hand, please call Betsy Gullan at 215-988-8778 *(bgullan@pennhort.org)* or Lisa Wiley at 215-988-8832 *(lwiley@pennhort.org)*. Volunteers can choose shifts, 3:30-5:30pm or 5:30-7:30pm, leaving enough time to see the Show. Duties are light; simply bring your smile. ■

Special Offers: If you renew your membership at the Show, you will receive a free gift plus your name will be placed in a drawing for a $50 gift certificate to the nursery of your choice. If you bring a guest who joins at the Harvest Show, you and your guest will receive a special gift and will also be a part of the drawing. ■

IMPORTANT MAILINGS COMING YOUR WAY

Harvest Show Tickets: Watch your mailbox for your Harvest Show invitation and ticket(s), which should begin arriving at your home the first week of August. If you have not received this mailing by August 10, please call Membership at 215-988-8776 or ext. 8832. ■

Your members' ticket(s) can be used for the Opening Celebration on Friday, September 15, or anytime during public hours on Saturday or Sunday. If you would like to bring a guest to the Opening, tickets will be available at the door for $5 each. ■

Fall/Early Winter Renewal:
Another important mailing containing renewal membership information will reach the mailboxes of those with renewal dates between October and December 31, 2000. This mailing should arrive during the first week of September. If you do not receive this mailing by September 11, please contact Membership at 215-988-8776 or ext. 8832. ■

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

For the Younger Set

Smith & Hawken, Manayunk and PHS invite you to join us for a program geared for growing gardeners. Bring the kids to Smith & Hawken from 1-3pm on Wednesday, August 9th. The afternoon will include a lemonade party, story hour, and a hands-on gardening project designed for young children (ages 4, 5, and 6). Program is free, but registration is limited to 25 children. For more information and registration, please call Smith & Hawken, Manayunk 215-509-6082. ■

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Thursday, August 10, 6 - 8pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Dan Benarcik, Chanticleer horticulturist, will take us on a stroll around the gardens and discuss good plants for tough areas. In the course of our walk, we'll see trees, shrubs, annuals, and perennials thriving in difficult sites: wet, dry, compacted or sandy soils. Dan will suggest interesting plants appropriate for the problem spots in your garden. Fee: $20; PHS members $15. ■

Tropicals in the Garden

Wednesday, September 6, 6 - 8pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Join horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** for a tour of Chanticleer's "tropical teacup"garden. Bananas, taro, pineapple lilies, ginger, and other tropical and subtropical plants fill this courtyard with lush foliage and heady fragrance. Dan will discuss how these tender plants can be used in borders or container gardens to add drama to your late-summer garden. Program limit: 20.
Fee: $20; PHS members $15. ■

Philadelphia Harvest Show Workshop

Monday, September 11, 5:30-7pm
Awbury Arboretum

Get your entries ready for this year's Philadelphia Harvest Show. Join **Delmer and Beverly Gill**, Community Gardens Chairs of the Harvest Show, and **Linda Brown**, Education manager of Awbury Arboretum, for tips on how to prepare flowers, vegetables, herbs, and preserved products. While you're there, enjoy a walk through the newly renovated Awbury Arboretum community garden and explore the woodland trail planted with native trees, shrubs, and perennials.

The workshop is free of charge, but pre-registration is required. Awbury Arboretum is located in the Germantown section of the city. Friends and interested gardeners are welcome. Travel directions will be mailed upon confirmation of registration. ■

Flower Arranging from the Garden

Wednesday, September 20, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

Lisa Crock, horticulturist at Chanticleer, will lead an arranging workshop designed for gardeners. Lisa will demonstrate design basics and show how to incorporate interesting elements from the garden, such as twigs, moss, and branches. Tips for conditioning flowers will be included. We'll create arrangements from an array of fresh garden flowers and foliage gathered at Chanticleer and conditioned earlier in the day. Please bring clippers and a vase at least six inches high with an opening at least three inches wide. (No bud vases, please.)
Program limit: 20. Fee: $25; PHS members $20. ■

Botanical Watercolor for Beginners

2 Thursdays, September 21 & 28, 12:30-3:30pm
Chanticleer, Wayne, PA

This two-session course will be an introduction to materials and techniques for precise, realistic, dry brush watercolor. Basic color theory and color mixing will be covered, with emphasis on selecting colors for accurate portrayal of plants. **Louisa Rawle Tiné**, professional artist and illustrator, will be the instructor for this class. Program limit: 15. Fee: $70 (PHS members $60) includes instruction. A materials list and recommended sources will be sent upon registration. ■

MEMBERS EXCLUSIVE: In the Garden Utilizing the Fall Garden - Getting Ready for Spring

Saturday, September 23, 10:00am - noon
Bryn Mawr, PA

Join **Fran Sorin** in her garden as she evaluates this year's successes and prepares for next spring. Fran will discuss dividing and transplanting spring-blooming perennials, revamping parts of the garden, selecting and planting unusual spring bulbs, and preparing the soil for spring. She will also demonstrate how to use ornamental grasses and plants with colorful foliage to heighten the visual impact of your fall garden.

Fran Sorin is a gardener, garden designer, and writer, as well as the gardening expert for NBC's Weekend TODAY SHOW and *ivillage.com* Program limit: 18. Fee: $18. ■

Beginning Ikebana Workshop: Ikenobo Moribana

Tuesday, September 26, 10 - noon
PHS Auditorium

Ikebana is an ancient Japanese discipline, which combines philosophy and the art of flower arranging. A moribana arrangement typically uses a shallow container with a wide opening, and a needlepoint holder is used to hold the flowers in place. Following an introduction to ikebana, Barbara Kidder will teach and demonstrate the basics of a moribana arrangement in the Ikenobo style.

Barbara Kidder is an assistant professor and has been a teacher of Ikenobo for more than 15 years. She is a life judge and a frequent Philadelphia Flower Show exhibitor. Program fee of $55 ($50 for PHS members) includes flowers, container, and a floral pin holder. Please bring clippers. Program limit: 16. ■

Volunteer at the PHILADELPHIA HARVEST SHOW!

Harvest 2000...and Beyond
Saturday & Sunday,
September 16-17
Horticulture Center, Fairmont Park

Help make the 2000 Philadelphia Harvest Show another bountiful Show. If you'd like to work behind the scenes this year and will be available Wednesday through Sunday, September 13-17, please use this form or email *bgreene@pennhort.org* to tell us where and when you would like to help. Send to PHS, 100 N. 20th St.-5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19130-1495, Attn: Betty Greene.

Sign me up to help at the Harvest Show!

Setup
Wednesday, 9/13 (9am-4pm) ❒
Thursday, 9/14 (9am-4pm) ❒

Horticulture Information Booth
Friday, 9/15 (4-7pm) ❒
Saturday, 9/16 (10am-5pm) ❒
Sunday, 9/17 (10am-5pm) ❒

Entry Aides
Thursday, 9/14 (3:15-7pm) ❒
Friday, 9/15 (7:15-10am) ❒

Information Aides
Welcome and direct visitors
Friday, 9/15 (3:30-5pm) ❒
(5:15-7:15pm) ❒
Saturday, 9/16 (9:30-noon) ❒
(noon-2:30pm) ❒
(2:30-5pm) ❒
Sunday, 9/17 (9:30-noon) ❒
(noon-2:30pm) ❒
(2:30-5pm) ❒

Youth Section Aides
Thursday, 9/14 (2-4:30pm) ❒
(4:30-7pm) ❒
Friday, 9/15 (7:30-10:30am) ❒
(4-7pm) ❒
Saturday, 9/16 (11am-3pm) ❒
Sunday, 9/17 (11am-3pm) ❒

Children's Activities
Saturday, 9/16 (11am-4pm) ❒
Sunday, 9/17 (11am-4pm) ❒

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_____ (evening)
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Reservations are required for all PHS activities. Fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS Activities, attn: Sally Kutyla, PHS, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495. Please include full payment. You may also register by fax 215-988-8810, or phone 215-988-8869 or 8775. Fax or phone reservations must be paid with VISA or MasterCard.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events, except Garden Visits and Brown Bag Lunch programs. Your confirmation letter will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events held away from PHS.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the waiting list for a program.

Refunds and cancellations: If you withdraw from an event, the following fees will apply if your request is received at least 5 days before the event: Bus trips $5; all other events $3. (No refund if less than 5 days.)

Hard as Nails	8/10	
Fee $20		_____
$15 Members		_____
Tropicals in the Garden	9/6	
Fee $20		_____
$15 Members		_____
Harvest Show Workshop	9/11	
Number attending		_____
Workshop: Arranging from the Garden	9/20	
Fee $25		_____
$20 Members		_____
Beginning Watercolor	9/21 &28	
Fee $70		_____
$60 Members		_____
Utilizing the Fall Garden	9/23	
Members only. Fee $18		_____
Workshop: Ikebana	9/26	
Fee $55		_____
$50 Members		_____
TOTAL: $		_____

Please send me a brochure for:

❒ **Perennials Conference** 10/20

❒ I would like to donate plants for the **Plant Dividend**

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name. **GUEST:** _____

MEMBER ID: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

TELEPHONE: (day) _____ (evening) _____

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